The Morning Star
Oldest Daily Newspaper in the State.
Largest circulation of any Wilmington Paper.

THE MORNING STAR.

Subscription Terms
One Year by Mail.....$6.00
Six Months by Mail....$3.00
Three Months by Mail...$1.50

VOL. LXXXI—NO. 83. WILMINGTON, N. C., TUESDAY, DECEMBER 31, 1907. WHOLE NO. 12,583.

Library of Congress

OUTLINES.

Secretary of War Taft was in Boston last night and while he addressed meetings of Hebrews, merchants and preachers, he made no reference to his own candidacy; he spoke mostly in defense of Roosevelt's administration——Governor Sparks of Nevada yesterday issued a call for a special session of the State Legislature, according to the requirements of the President, if the troops are to remain at Goldfield——An interesting summary of the doings of the financial and mercantile interests of the country appears this morning in the Star; it tells of two panics during the year, their cause and effect——Prospect are much brighter despite the two panics that have occurred——A slight earthquake was reported both from Albany, N. Y. and Washington——President Roosevelt and family are back in Washington——The body of the young girl recently found in a swamp near Harrison, N. J., is now said to be that of Mrs. Agnes Young, a stenographer——Some Georgia saloons are already closed and others are preparing to do so when the new Prohibition law goes into effect tonight——The Black Mountain Coal Land Company, of Bristol, Tenn., and several coke and coal companies of Virginia have complained to the Inter-State Commerce Commission that they are being discriminated against in the matter of rates by the Southern and Black Mountain Railway Companies——The Rev. Jere K. Cooke, former pastor of a fashionable church at Hempstead, L. I., who eloped with Miss Floretta Whaley, a 17 year old heires, has been discovered in San Francisco; the girl is still with him and a baby has been born; he has been working as a paper hanger and painter and talked with a reporter, but with "his affenity" and their baby disappeared in a pelting rain storm and have not been seen since——The grave of Thomas Charles Druce in Highgate Cemetery, London, was opened yesterday and the coffin was found to contain the remains of an aged and bearded man, not two hundred pounds of lead as had been testified to by Robert C. Caldwell who has been arrested on a charge of perjury in the now world famous scandal and is now in New York under a bail bond of $5,000——The Harris Exchange bank of Tyler, Texas, closed its doors yesterday as did two mercantile concerns which it controlled——The Japanese Ambassador, Viscount Aoki, has started for his home in the Orient where he well consult with his government in regard to its relations with this country——New York markets: Money on call firm at 5 to 20 per cent., ruling rate 18; turpentine, quiet; rosin, quiet, strained common to good 3.20; spot cotton closed quiet; middling uplands, 11.80; middling gulf, 12.05; sales 500 bales; flour dull and unchanged; corn meal steady; spot wheat, weak; spot corn easy, and spot oats steady.

Don't get the Bryans mixed. The new one may be different.

Money will get "easier" as soon as the Christmas bills are paid.

Now that Doctors are to take charge, we suppose they will be called Bottle-ships.

One reason why many people want Gray, is Mr. Bryan's preference for the white metal.

Many husbands are now wondering whether the pure food laws apply to the cigar industry.

The pistol-toting habit did more to make it a crimson Christmas than all the gin mills put together.

Kentucky keeps most everlastingly before the country, but we doubt if she appreciates the free advertising.

Even with Douglas on the ticket it will be a half-soled sort of affair without the right fellow for a running mate.

A St. Louis woman threw $2,000 worth of diamonds into the furnace. We suppose she just had to economize on coal somehow.

If Mr. John Wesley Gaines had been in possession of a pass, most probably he would have been willing to have gone home for the holidays also.

If Mr. Taft had only carried his boom along with him, he could have looked after it himself, but being so insignificant we suppose he was afraid it might get lost.

If you see a gent wearing a flaming red or a brilliant geen necktie, that's him. He's wearing his Christmas present sent by some dear friend whom he is afraid to offend.

Football has been introduced in Cuba, but we suspect that it will never be popular. The old pastimes, such as chicken fighting and revoluting will continue to be most popular.

Thomas W. Lawson says "Everybody shall have a say in the new political party I propose to form." Any prospect of a Lawson line-up wherein somebody else gets a chance to talk will be a decided novelty.

NOT ENOUGH NAMES

Petitions Asking For Prohibition Election May Not Be Presented Monday Night.

THE EFFORT FOR SIGNERS

This Will be Continued at Once as Many Already Secured Are Not Qualified—Invitation to the Governor.

According to published reports from Rev. Fred D. Hale, D. D., pastor of the First Baptist Church, who is recognized as the leader of the prohibition forces now at work in the city, the petition to the Mayor and Board of Aldermen, asking for a local option election in Wilmington on the seventeenth of March, may not be presented at the January meeting of the city council next Monday night.

It appears that many of those who signed the recent petition to the Mayor and Board asking for the election and representing themselves to be qualified voters at the last municipal election did so under a misapprehension. A considerable number of those who thought they were qualified voters at the last city election had merely voted in the primary and had not registered for the regular election, therefore they were not qualified to sign, and it is said that of the twelve hundred names secured, there is a doubt if the required eight hundred are of the qualified voters at the regular election.

To remove this doubt and to make assurance doubly sure, it has been decided by the executive committee of the Anti-Saloon League to continue the canvass for signatures in order that there may be no doubt of the fact that eight hundred of the names on the petition are those of qualified voters. This work may require longer than a week and Dr. Hale says that it may be necessary to defer the presentation of the petitions to the Mayor and Board of Aldermen to a subsequent meeting.

Some outside prohibition speakers may be brought here for rallies in the interest of new signatures, but thus far no definite announcement of these has been made. It is stated that Governor Glenn was invited to come here the past Sunday and speak in two of the churches and hold an open-air rally last night, but the chief executive, not desiring to take any part in the church differences here, declined to come unless at least two churches of different denominations would join in the invitation. Dr. Hale says that another church could not be secured to join in the invitation with the Baptists, hence the city had to forego the pleasure of a visit from the chief executive.

The canvass for names of qualified voters in the last city election will be kept up and if the required number of names is secured, the petition will be presented Monday night. If the required number is not secured by that night the petitions will be held over until a subsequent meeting. Meantime it is expected that several prohibition rallies will be held to encourage the private effort that is now being made to get additional names. Evangelist Ham is not expected to return to the city until two weeks before the election at which time the effort will be made for votes, not signatures. While many of those who are disqualified to sign the petition will be able to qualify and vote in the coming election, they are not now of use to the prohibition forces but will be carefully looked after when the election is called.

SAFE BLOWERS AT DUNN.

Postoffice Relieved of Between $1,500 and $2,000 Sunday.

Fayetteville, N. C., Dec. 30.—The Observer this afternoon prints the following story of a big postoffice robbery Sunday morning at Dunn, N. C.:

"Robbers entered the postoffice at Dunn, 24 miles north of Fayetteville, early yesterday morning, dynamited the safe and secured a big booty. They carried off between fifteen hundred and two thousand dollars in cash, and a quantity of stamps. The robbery was not known until several hours afterwards, when one of the clerks went to open the office yesterday morning. There is as yet no clue to the robbers, whose clever work shows clearly that they are expert cracksmen. Though the door of the safe was blown clear of its fastenings, not a sound of the explosion was heard by the residents. A good part of the stolen money, it is said, belonged to Postmaster Wilson himself.

"The Postmaster's brother, United States Commissioner J. J. Wilson, was in the city today, and secured a quantity of stamps from the postoffice here, as the Dunn office was stripped of all its stamps."

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

Palace Market—Hog Jowls, Etc.
D. L. Gore Co.—William Tell Flour.
Williams Comedy Co.—Away Up East.
Wilmington Savings & Trust Co.—Good Resolutions.

Business Locals.

Lost—Pin with small diamond.

ROBBERY BY WHOLESALE

Systematic Plunder of Cars and Warehouses of Swift & Co., Wholesale Meat Dealers is Checked—Much Recovered.

The systematic robbery of the warehouses and cars on the yards of Swift & Company, wholesale meat dealers at 307 Nutt street, this city, which has been in progress several months during which time hundreds of dollars worth of products have been stolen and successfully disposed of without detection, has been checked.

Acting upon a clue secured by him during the holidays, General Manager Holcombe, in charge of the business in Wilmington, yesterday went to the office of Justice Furlong and informed him that he had received information that on Christmas day a wagon load of the stolen meat, lard, butter, etc., had been carted off to Wrightsville Sound and disposed of at fabulously low prices to the negro population for more than a mile square, while a considerable quantity of it had been sold to a negro storekeeper in the same vicinity.

Constable Savage and Mr. Holcombe at once went to work on the case with Justice Furlong with the result that a posse consisting of the gentlemen named, Deputy Sheriff W. H. Cox, Deputy Sheriff W. H. Howe, Deputy Sheriff John H. Williams, Officer Leon George, and several employes of the Swift establishment went down to the Sound on the 7 o'clock car last night and at nine negro houses and places of resort, succeeded in locating nearly a car load of the stolen property.

Straightway the negroes in whose possession the goods were found began to tell stories of the affair with the result that the whole system of the thieves was unearthed, the train of evidence leading back to a restaurant and lodging house kept by Sylvia Washington, an old colored woman at northeast corner or Nutt and Walnut street, in this city, in close proximity to the Swift warehouses and yards.

The nine negroes from whom property was recovered on the Sound were at once placed under bond for their appearance before Justice Furlong today at noon to tell what they know of the robbery and immediately upon the return of the posse to the city at 11 o'clock last night the restaurant and lodging house of the Washington woman was raided on a search warrant, this raid continuing until a few minutes after 12 o'clock this morning. In the house were found several sides of meats, a 50-lb. tin of lard and a bucket of butter. The two last named packages were upstairs in one of the sleeping rooms carefully tucked away behind a stove. The premises were searched very carefully but nothing else was located, a large stock having just been disposed of with the wagon load that went to the Sound on Christmas day. The Washington woman and the man of the house, Elijah Jones, colored, were placed under arrest and were locked up in jail in default of bond of $200 each for their appearance before Justice Furlong today. There appears but little doubt that the restaurant and lodging house was made a depository for the stolen goods from night to night and that the meat lard, etc., were disposed of to best advantage as the opportunity presented itself.

The thieves have been very cunning with their robbery and being enabled to get it in the restaurant so close to the warehouses and cars of the company, the police seem to have been powerless to detect the thefts though it had been reported time and again. The clue furnished to Justice Furlong and Constable Savage by Mr. Holcombe, who has been untiring in his efforts for several weeks to put a stop to the wholesale robbery, was all that was wanted and Constable Savage and the other officers were able at once to run the guilty parties down.

When the eleven negroes are arraigned for trial today at noon before Justice Furlong it is expected that the whole game will be given away; in fact, some of the receivers of the stolen goods have already squealed. The trial will be an interesting one.

The raid last night on the Sound is described as having been very spectacular. Members of the posse were forced to fight off a pack of possum hounds at each house visited and the evident surprise of the landlord at being aroused at that time of night and his indignation at being accused of receiving stolen goods, so quickly followed by the finding of the goods and the explanations of the man of the house, are described as having been amusing in the extreme.

NEW YEAR'S AT THE THEATRE.

"Along the Kennebec" Will be Seen Matinee and Night.

Plays that appeal to the heart and plays that heads of families can bring their children to see are the plays that thrive. Such a play is "Along the Kennebec," which will be presented in this city tomorrow, matinee and night, with its wealth of beautiful scenery and a company of actors unexcelled by any in their respective lines. The play is said to be full of bright sparkling comedy and a splendid band and orchestra is carried and good music is one of the many features. The matinee prices will be 25 and 50 cents.

PYTHIANS IN STATE

Important Conference of Grand Lodge Officers Held in Raleigh Yesterday.

THE GOVERNOR HAS ATTACK

Became Ill on Way to Executive Office—Physicians Adjusting Themselves to Prohibition Conditions—Other Notes.

(Special Star Correspondence)

Raleigh, N. C., Dec. 30.—An important conference was held here today by officers of the North Carolina Grand Lodge, Knights of Pythias, for the purpose of discussing plans for carrying forward the work of the order in this State. The conference was called by Grand Chancellor W. C. Crist, of Winston-Salem, and in addition to the Grand Chancellor there were present Grand Vice Chancellor T. C. Webb, of Duke; Grand Keeper of Records and Seals, W. T. Hollowell, of Goldsboro; Deputy Grand Chancellor, J. D. Nutt, of Wilmington; and Past Grand Chancellor W. W. Willson, of Raleigh. Grand Chancellor Crist says the order is growing rapidly and every department of the work is in splendid condition, and that the conference is for the purpose of reviewing the conditions at the close of the current year and still further accentuating the degree of progress, as he declares that it would be impossible to attain a degree of progress that would keep him from aspiring to yet greater achievements for the order.

Friends of Governor Glenn are right much exercised over an attack he suffered just before he left the mansion for the executive office this morning. The attack, he thinks, was much like lumbago, but he is fearful that there is a kidney trouble that is at least partially the cause of the attack from which he continued to suffer somewhat during the day. A dizziness and violent pains in the spine came upon him suddenly so that he only kept from falling by catching on to nearby furniture. The paroxysms soon passed off so that he was able to go to the executive office. He felt the effects of the attack throughout the day.

It is understood that when the Wake County Medical Association holds its January meeting this week significant action will be taken with reference to the new duty that has been shifted to them in issuing liquor prescriptions on drug stores under the operation of the prohibition law. Members of the profession are anxious to avert any odium that might be brought on the profession in Raleigh by the abuse of the prescription method of dispensing liquor, a responsibility which medical associations in some parts of the State are protesting against in a very emphatic manner.

Two especially notable weddings are to be celebrated in Raleigh this week in the Church of the Good Shepherd. On Wednesday evening at 6 o'clock, Mr. Arthur G. Corpening, of Greensboro, and Miss Rachel Louise Linton, daughter of Capt. S. E. Linton, will be united in marriage, and on Thursday at noon there will be the marriage of Mr. Joshua B. Hill and Miss Nannie Skinner, both of Raleigh, Miss Skinner being a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. B. S. Skinner.

A wedding at Tarboro, in which the people of Raleigh are much interested is that of Mr. Allen G. Ruffin, president of the Carolina Trust Co., of Raleigh, to Miss Annie Gray Nash, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. S. Nash The wedding will be in Calvary church, Tarboro. They will reside at Hillsboro.

State Superintendent of Public Instrucion J. Y. Joyner, said today that an object lesson in the wisdom of employing an efficient county superintendent of public schools for all his time is afforded by Columbus county. He says that a few years ago there was not a single cent of money raised by special taxation for schools in the county and that the superintendent's salary was increased a few hundred dollars so that he could give his entire time to his work and today there are thirty local tax districts in the county, ten thousand dollars having been raised by local taxation last year and twelve thousand assured for this year. The lesson is that Columbus county has, by increasing the salary of the county superintendent a few hundred dollars, thereby enabling him to devote his whole time to the school interests, increased the school fund twelve thousand dollars.

Sunday afternoon there was a joint session of the pastors and deacons of the First Baptist and the Tabernacle Baptist churches, during which it was determined to inaugurate during the early Summer an evangelistic campaign in which a number of the leading Baptist divines of the country including Rev. A. C. Dixon, of Chicago, and Dr. Len G. Broughton, of Atlanta, will participate, central mass meetings to be held probably in the Academy of Music, and additional services in the two churches at different hours of the day. It promises to be the most pretentious campaign of the kind ever inaugurated in North Carolina.

A charter is granted in the office of the Secretary of State for the Nowell & Richardson Co., of Selma; capital $20,000 for a mercantile business.

A special to the Evening Times from Littleton, N. C., says L. C. Newsom, the chief of police of that prohibition town, was today arrested as a blind tiger. He was charged with selling liquor without license and was arrested by the United States authorities. He was taken before United States Commissioner T. N. Harris, who bound him over to the United States Court in $200 bond. The trial took place at noon today.

T. N. Lee and J. H. Hayes have been lodged in Wake jail on the charge of blockading. Officers Adams and Surles captured them in Johnson county at a forty gallon distillery, which was destroyed together with a thousand gallons of beer. The men are not able to raise $300 bond and will remain in jail till Federal court convenes. Another big distillery was captured in Johnson county by the officers, but the operator escaped.

LICENSES ARE GRANTED

County Commissioners Pass Upon Batch as Sent Over From Board of Aldermen—Only One Application Outside.

The Board of County Commissioners, Chairman McEachern and all members having been present, was in session for two hours or more yesterday afternoon passing upon the applications for renewals of liquor license for the six months ensuing January the first. With a single exception, that of L. J. Mason, at Wrightsville Sound, the applications were all found in due form and they were passed.

The application of Mr. Mason was referred to the chairman with power to grant, provided the same is put in due form. It appears that under the law, licenses may be granted outside of incorporated towns, only at Summer or Winter resort hotels. The license of Mr. Mason was granted last year as to the Atlantic View Hotel, but it seems this year, that no interest in the Atlantic Hotel was shown in the application, therefore the Board could not grant it. It is expected, however, that Mr. Mason will be able to show the same interest as last year, in which event the chairman is authorized to grant the application.

Today will be a busy one in the sheriff's office. The licenses have all been made out and it now remains only for the dealers to come forward with the $200 State and county tax, receive their licenses and continue business. As tomorrow is a legal holiday the sheriff's office will be closed and unless the licenses are secured today dealers will be unable to open their places of business tomorrow morning as the present licenses expire by limitation this midnight.

There are 63 of the licenses all told, and it will be seen that quite a large amount of revenue will be turned into the county treasury today. There will be something over $12,000 in all. A part of this goes to the State but a majority, of it goes to the county school fund. The license tax for the city is payable monthly.

SCHOOLS RESUME SESSIONS.

Fine Opening Yesterday After Holidays—Some New Pupils.

After a suspension of ten days for the holidays all the Wilmington publis schools opened for the Spring term yesterday morning at 9 o'clock with a full attendance. There were a number of new pupils at each of the institutions and a majority of the old ones were in their places. After classifying the pupils and arranging all the classes for the Spring term, the schools were dismissed for the day, but the exercises will be resumed this morning on the regular schedule. Tomorrow a holiday will be given for the New Year, but this is not expected to interrupt the work at all and all classes will be resumed on Thursday morning.

The outlook for the schools the coming term is very good indeed and superintendent and teachers alike are enthusiastic over the prospect of a splendid year's work.

NEW YEAR RECEPTION

Delightful Programme for "Open House" Tomorrow Night.

All is in readiness for the annual New Year's reception or "open house" at the Y. M. C. A. tomorrow evening. The affair will be an elaborate one in every particular and the public in general is most cordially invited. The reception is in charge of the Woman's Auxiliary of the Association and committees have been diligently at work upon all the arrangements. There will be music and a programme of other entertaining numbers, this to be followed by an elegant course of light refreshments. It is hoped to have a very large audience. It has been the custom of the Y. M. C. A. on each New Year to give a reception of this kind and the public should embrace the opportunity of getting better acquainted and in closer touch with this great work among the young men of the city.

HAIL THE NEW YEAR!

Nineteen Eight Will Be Ushered in With Appropriate Demonstrations Tonight at Twelve.

HOLD WATCH NIGHT SERVICES

At Churches and Boys' Brigade—Past Year Very Satisfactory One With Business Men—Golf Match Football Game.

Wilmington people generally this midnight will take note of the passing of the old year and the beginning of the new. There will be the same ringing of bells, the blowing of steam whistles and the boom of high explosives to mark the passing of 1907 and the coming of 1908. At several places the old and beautiful custom of holding watch night serevices will be observed while there will be a little something on every hand to remind the average citizen that another cycle of days has passed.

The new year brings few changes in Wilmington commercial life. It is remarked that there are fewer business changes this year than were ever known before and this is taken to mean that merchants and others have been pretty well satisfied with what the past year has brought them. Many storekeepers are engaged this week in taking inventories and will be better able to tell after this is over just how they stand, but it is safe to assume that all are pretty well satisfied. There has not been during 1907 a business failure of considerable importance and in spite of the stringency in financial circles just at present, it is not generally believed that conditions will remain stagnant long. Fall trade has been brisk and holiday sales were pretty much up to an average. Collections in some instances have not been what they should, but people in the country who owe debts in town have the wherewithal to pay, and the merchants who have been carrying them know that it will all come in due time. Of course, this dilatory practice on the part of debtors is not to be commended, regardless of the condition of the money market, but it is safe to say that the average business man will mark the passing of the old year tonight with some degree of satisfaction as the result of the past year's transactions.

In connection with the several watch night services this evening at the churches one of special interest for the young people will be at the Boys' Brigade armory, Second and Church streets. There will be several short addresses beginning at 11 o'clock and a feature of the musical programme will be one or more solos by Mrs. Anne deRosset Harris. A cordial invitation is extended to the public to be present and watch the old year out and ring in the new.

The watch night services ot the Church of Christ, Disciples, Seventh and Orange streets, will begin with the prayer meeting at 8 o'clock. After this service, the congregation will be invited to remain in the building until the coming of the new year. There will be an appropriate programme of exercises and social features. All are invited.

The New Year holiday will be very generally observed in the city tomorrow. Quite all the public offices will be closed during the day and some of the places of business will be closed. Holiday hours will be observed at the postoffice. The carriers will make only the early morning delivery and collection and the windows will be open at the hours usually observed on holidays. The city schools will suspend exercises during the day and there will be various other little incidents of the day to remind one of the holiday.

On the links of the Cape Fear Golf Club the day will be made notable by a gentleman's handicap tournament, which will start promptly at 10 o'clock in the morning and be concluded some time during the afternoon. There are already about 20 entrants for this event and a splendid tournament is being looked forward to by members. During the day an oyster roast and luncheon will be served on the grounds. The tournament will be over 27 holes and two handsome cups are offered as prizes.

Another event that will center athletic interest tomorrow will be a game of football in Newbern between a strong Wilmington team and an eleven from the city on the Neuse. The Wilmington team will be made up of collegians and other strong players and a great game is assured. Neill Morse is manager of the team and the final practice was held last night.

Purchased Market Street Residence.

By deed filed for record yesterday S. H. Fishblate and wife transferred to Mrs. Lola Martin Taylor, wife of Mr. Chas. E. Taylor, for $1,000 and other considerations, property on north side of Market street, 231 feet east of Eighth street, 33x155 feet in size with right of way over alley 13 feet wide adjoining. The residence is one of the most desirable upon this popular thoroughfare and the price paid is understood to have been $6,000 or above that figure.

The Morning Star.

Founded in 1867.

WILLIAM H. BERNARD.
Owner and Editor.

WILMINGTON N. C.

Entered as second-class matter at the postoffice at Wilmington, N. C., under the Act of Congress of March 3, 1879.

Tuesday, December 31, 1907.

CHURCH FINANCES.

A New York preacher has been preaching about improper financial methods in churches and many a minister, not to say thousands of laymen, will sympathize with the remarks of the clergyman.

When one man is willing to speak out regarding the improper financial methods of some religious organzations, many people will be grateful. When church organizations fail to conduct their business on strict financial methods, little fault can be found with those who go completely astray. The Rev. Dr. Aked says that improper financial methods exist in the churches, in many if not in most of them." He goes on to state that in a way this is the result of carelessness and is not actual criminal in intent.

He has been pastor of a number of churches and says he has found the conditions the same in each. To what extent the same kind of mismanagement he has discovered exists in other churches, it would be impossible to say, but that there is more of this bad financiering among organizations that should set a good example to the world at large, there is no doubt. Some of the churches that seem to be most popular probably suffer most.

The New York Tribune discusses this matter at length and says:

"The shame of it is that so many churches practice methods in their own finances which theoretically they condemn and which as a matter of fact they severely criticise when practiced by men outside of the church in the business world. A church would severely reprimand an individual for incurring debts which he had no assured prospect of being able to pay. Yet the churches do that very thing. The teaching of the churches is that men should keep their expenses within their incomes and that they should discharge their obligations fully and promptly. Yet many churches, acting in their corporate capacity, inflate their expenses far beyond their incomes, trusting to adventitious means or to luck to make good the deficits, and keep their creditors, even their own pastors, wearily waiting for settlement of long overdue bills.

"It ought to be axiomatic and obvious to the simplest intelligence that for a church to do things collectively which it condemns in individuals is not only to stultify itself, but also to compromise and most seriously to impair its moral authority. It is idle to preach business honesty and at the same time to practice that which borders closely upon business dishonesty.

There is another analysis of course, the acts of the church, thus quoted, are the acts of its officers and members. And as a rule, they are only for honor and integrity in their business dealings with mankind. Nevertheless they, some of them, think it perfectly proper to conduct the affairs of their church in a slipshod way.

Ecclesiastical financiering ought of all the world to be the most above suspicion or reproach.

THE NAVAL CONTROVERSY.

It is to be deeply regretted that there is so much criticism of the Navy Department affairs at the present time, or for that matter at any time.

Proper criticism, made in the right spirit should be in order but when one of the most magnificent fleets ever set afloat by any nation, is on its cruise to the Pacific ocean, such criticism naturally attracts world-wide attention, for all eyes are on Rear Admiral Evans and his ships.

That some of the criticisms have merit, there is little doubt but there is seriously no reason for fearing that things are in a bad way.

That a magazine writer does not consider the ships properly constructed, is no proof that they will not reach their destination in safety, even more, if need be, conduct themselves with proper credit in a conflict with any other nation of the earth.

Honest criticism is always beneficial, as tending to point out mistakes with a view to remedying them but wholesale criticisms and denunciations are to be strongly deprecated as they tend to create distrust among the people in the value of the Navy, as well as in its efficiency.

Some private shipbuilding concerns probably have been guilty of not turning out a more superior article than the naval authorities ordered, but even so, it is generally believed that Uncle Sam has got the best fleet afloat.

It is probable that such defects as now exist in the arrangements of guns and turrets and the placing of armor will be rectified in ships of future construction. There are many things in the Naval Service that could be improved, and of course many of them are more apparent to outsiders than to officers of the Navy themselves. There will be little fault found with any suggestions made, if they come in a friendly spirit and from a friendly source.

ANOTHER ERUPTION.

Another Congressman has mounted the same old hobby horse ridden through several sessions.

This time it is Representative J. W. Keifer of Ohio and he has announced he will introduce a bill cutting down the representation of such Southern States as have "disfranchised" the negro.

In fact, according to his statement he proposes to make this the paramount issue in the next campaign. In it he sees a question of more importance than the tariff, the currency and all else.

In the same company with the Ohioan is Representative Crumpacker of Indiana. Both are out with a statement that there is more sentiment in favor of such a law this year than ever before. Prognostications like this have frequently been made before and it is probable that these are about correct as others.

The Republican majority in Congress has, we think, entirely too much sense to perpetrate such an injustice on the South as that fostered by fellows like those comprising the firm of Keifer & Co.

TAKING UP BOXING.

The Japs have started in to take up boxing and may soon be heard from in the ring.

A. M. Loughney, an athlete who has been studying jiu-jitsu in Japan says they are taking great interest in American boxing and that the country may be expected to turn out some great prize fighters in the near future.

He says:

"The Jap," says Loughtney, "is by nature a fighter. If he turns to prizefighting he would be more of a fighter than a boxer. His head and jaw are shaped like a fighting animal's, and he has what prizefighters call the 'heart.' He can fight a losing battle like an Irishman. In studying jiu jitsu I have found that the Japanese are not nearly as susceptible to pain as we are. Jiu-jitsu is terribly painful and dangerous. If they can stand that they could stand prizefighting and not mind the punishment.

"I taught a number how to box while in Japan. They know very little about it, but learned with remarkable quickness on account of their much more rapid sword play. Their main disadvantage is in the shortness of their reach."

THE ATLANTIC MONTHLY.

The January number of the Atlantic Monthly is at hand. The number is introduced by an editorial, "Turning the New Leaves," which fairly launches the magazine on its fifty-first year.

Among the many noteworthy stories essays, and poems in this number the first installment of Edith Wharton's "Second Motor Flight through France" has a prominent position.

"Justice to the Corporations" is a spirited reply to the recent merciless attacks against these "monsters of sin." The writer, Henry Lee Higginson, is a well-known financier, and speaks from long experience.

"Confessions of a Railroad Signalman," by J. O. Fagan, a towerman on a New England railroad, is a paper of great importance and insight, and is the first word from the employee side of the case. In an essay called "The Industry of Music Making," William E. Walter discusses the business end of this art. "The Home of Burlesque," by Rollin Lynde Hartt, is another of his brilliant essays in the Atlantic's popular amusement series, while under the pen name, "Diplomatist," a widely read author writes some delicious "Notes From a Persian Diary."

CURRENT COMMENT.

—Mr. Taft is beginning to suspect that there is nothing whatever in that theory that absence makes the heart grow fonder.—Indianapolis News.

—The politicians are coming over to Governor Hughes, but grudingly. Why not make a virtue of necessity and surrender gracefully?—Buffalo Express.

—We understand the sporting editor of the "Congressional Record" is still waiting for the decision of the referee on the recent scrap in the House of Representatives. — Philadelphia Press.

—Wouldn't some folks at Washington have funny smiles on their smilers if Japan should now send a battle-ship fleet to the Atlantic on a mission of peace and good will?—Arkansas Gazette.

—"Listen to your wife," says Governor Glenn, of North Carolina. Next thing we know the governor will be advising us to close our eyes when we sleep and open our mouths when we eat.—Washington Herald.

—The average bachelor can look upon the approach of leap year without trepidation, the more because he can recall other leap years wherein he ran so little danger that life was positively a bore.—Cleveland Leader.

MOTHERS

Fathers, will you neglect a sacred Duty? You know that winter months bring colds and you know that Pneumonia is to be dreaded. Croup is dangerous. GOWAN'S PNEUMONIA CURE scatters inflammation. It cures. Then buy today and be prepared. 25c, 50c—external. All druggists.

TWINKLINGS.

—The Candidate—What, gentlemen, is the moving spirit of the age? The Voice—Gasoline!—Sketch.

—Pure—Would you marry an extravagant man? Dolly—That would depend, dear, on how long he had been extravagant.—Harper's Weekly.

—He—Pardon me, madam, I didn't see you. She (distressingly plump)—Oh, my dear monsieur, you are so kind!—Transatlantic Tales.

Boyce—I certainly admire the quality of his Christianity. Joyce—Why? Boyce—He even prayed for his plumber.—Philadelphia Telegraph.

—Mrs. Knicker—Doctors say that fur boas are unhealthy. Mrs. Brocker—Yes. I have noticed that they give men cold feet.—New York Sun.

—Clint—Don't you make a mistake in going into law instead of the army? Lawyer—Why? "By the way you charge, there would be little left of the enemy."—Sacred Heart Review.

—"What sort of a looking chap is Gussy?" "Well, if you ever see two men in a corner and one looks bored to death, the other one is Gussy."—London Opinion.

—"So you don't take any stock in all this criticism of our $10 gold pieces?" "None whatever," answered the young man who has read law. "In my case it's mere hearsay evidence."—Washington Star.

—Parson—My dear Brother Rightly, what means this brutish intoxication? Rightly—Have to 'scuse me this time, dom-nie. My wife said 'f I came home drunk she'd never speak t'me 'gain.—The Bohemian.

—Mrs. Newlywed—Doctor, that bottle of medicine you left for baby is all gone. Doctor—Impossible! I told you to give him a teaspoonful once an hour. "Yes; but John and I and mother and the nurse have to each take a teaspoonful, too, in order to induce baby to take it."—Democratic Telegram.

—"And you mean to say that football player kissed you?" exclaimed the irate mother. "Yes, ma," replied the blushing daughter. "Why, the idea! Didn't I tell you if he tried to kiss you to yell 'Stop!' as loud as you could?" "I—I did, ma, but he had on his ear guards and couldn't hear me."—Chicago News.

Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup has been used for over 60 years by millions of mothers for their children while teething, with perfect success. It soothes the child, softens the gums, allays all pain, cures wind colic, and is the best remedy for Diarrhoea. It will relieve the poor little sufferer immediately. Sold by Druggists in every part of the world. Twenty-five cents bottle. Be sure and ask for Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup, and take no other.

GUARANTEED UNDER THE FOOD AND DRUGS ACT, JUNE 30TH, 1906, SERIAL NUMBER 1098
tuthsa-tf

A Dangerous Deadlock,

that sometimes terminates fatally, is the stoppage of liver and bowel functions. To quickly end this condition without disagreeable sensations, Dr. King's New Life Pills should always be your remedy. Guaranteed absolutely satisfactory in every case or money back, at R. R. Bellamy's drug store. 25c.

Malaria Causes Loss of Appetite.

The Old Standard GROVE'S TASTELESS CHILL TONIC, drives out malaria and builds up the system. For grown people and children 50c.

IMPORTANT CHANGE SCHEDULE SEABOARD AIR LINE RAILWAY

Effective January 5th, 1908.

Effective January 5th No. 45 now leaving Wilmington at 4:00 A. M. will leave 4:50 A. M. No. 39 same as now, 4:00 P. M.

No. 44 will arrive at Wilmington 12:35 A. M. instead of 1:25 A. M. as now. No. 40 will arrive 1:30 P. M. instead of 2:20 as now.

No. 39 and 40 is run only as far as Hamlet, 44 and 45 through to Charlotte. No. 39 connects at Hamlet with No. 32 for Portsmouth-Norfolk, No. 84 for Washington, No. 41 for Charlotte and Atlanta, No. 43 for Columbia and Jacksonville.

No. 45 connects at Hamlet with 66 for Washington, No. 81 for Columbia and Jacksonville. No. 40 connects at Hamlet with 32 from Portsmouth-Norfolk, No. 38 from Charlotte and Atlanta, No. 44 has no connection at Hamlet.

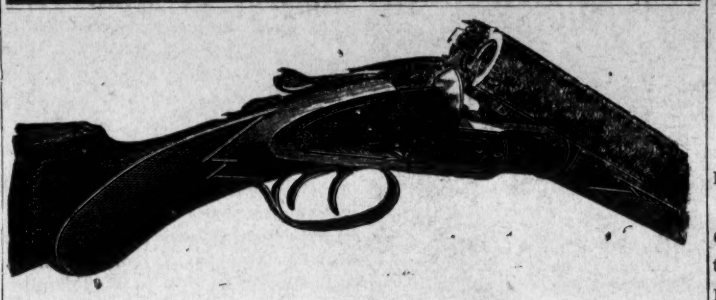
For other information relative to rates, schedules to any point apply to the Union Ticket Agent, Seaboard Local Agent, 'Phone No. 86 or write to

C. H. GATTIS,
Traveling Passenger Agent,
dec 29 1w Raleigh, N. C.

Removal Notice

This is to notify my friends and patrons and any others who may be interested, that I have moved my office from 16 Princess St., to the Odd Fellows' Building, Room 15. I have houses, building lots, cemetery lots, farms, timber lands, bank stock, mill stock and mercantile stock from Charleston, W. Va., to Titusville, Fla., For sale, a few good renting proposition. Call and see me at Room 15, Odd Fellows' Building.

G. W. SHEPARD
The Real Estate Man.



The Season for Sporting Goods Is On

Call in and let us show you complete line of Remington hammer and hammerless Guns. The celebrated Baker, all grades. Also fine line of Belgium Hammer Guns, Gun Covers, Leggins and a large and assorted stock of Ammunition.

WM. E. SPRINGER & COMPANY

Ring Out the Old Year, Ring In the New!

RING UP NO. 69 FOR OFFICE SUPPLIES OR ANYTHING IN OUR LINE.
TURNER'S NORTH CAROLINA ALMANACS, HUEBSCH'S YEAR BOOKS, NEW YEAR CARDS AND CALENDARS, ETC.

C. W. YATES & CO.

dec 29 tf

Beautiful and Useful

XMAS PRESENTS

in

For Ladies and Gents

at

PETERSON & RULF'S
202 NORTH FRONT STREET
Next to Murchison Bank

dec 13 tf

We Wish You a Happy New Year

With increased stock and facilities for handling your trade, both in our wholesale and retail departments, we hope to merit a continuance of your patronage, and, to those who are not patrons, we invite to give us a call in 1908.

Yours sincerely,

N. Jacobi Hardware Co.

dec 28 tf

We have the Nobbiest Line of Xmas Slippers In the City.

HEWLETT & PRICE
109 Market St.

dec 11 tf

Advertising Pays Best in The Morning Star

Well Pleased With Our Purchases

We are showing the most complete line of Xmas goods in the city.

Diamonds, Watches, Broaches, Chains, Lockets, Bracelets, Pins, Fountain Pens, Fobs, Rings, Shaving Sets, Manicure Sets, Comb and Brush Sets, Silver Services, Silver Novelties, Brass Goods, Fancy China, Vases, Fine Dinner Sets, Etc.

F. A. BISSINGER.
119 Market.
dec 10 tf

Christmas Goods. ..

Illustrated Books,
All the Late Novels,
Fancy Box Paper,
Waterman's Ideal Fountain Pens,
All kinds of novelties,
Huyler's fine Candies.

ROBERT C. DeROSSET
Book Seller and Stationer

GREETINGS
extended to all by the
Atlantic Trust & Banking Co.
its Officers and Directors.
Your Savings account solicited.
OFFICERS:
Matt J. Heyer, President,
B. H. J. Ahrens, Vice President,
Milton Calder, Cashier.
DIRECTORS:
Matt J. Heyer,
B. H. J. Ahrens,
L. B. Rogers,
Martin O'Brien,
John H. Kuck,
C. W. Yates,
J. G. L. Gieschen,
B. Solomon,
Charles J. Mitchell,
B. O. Stone.
dec 25 tf

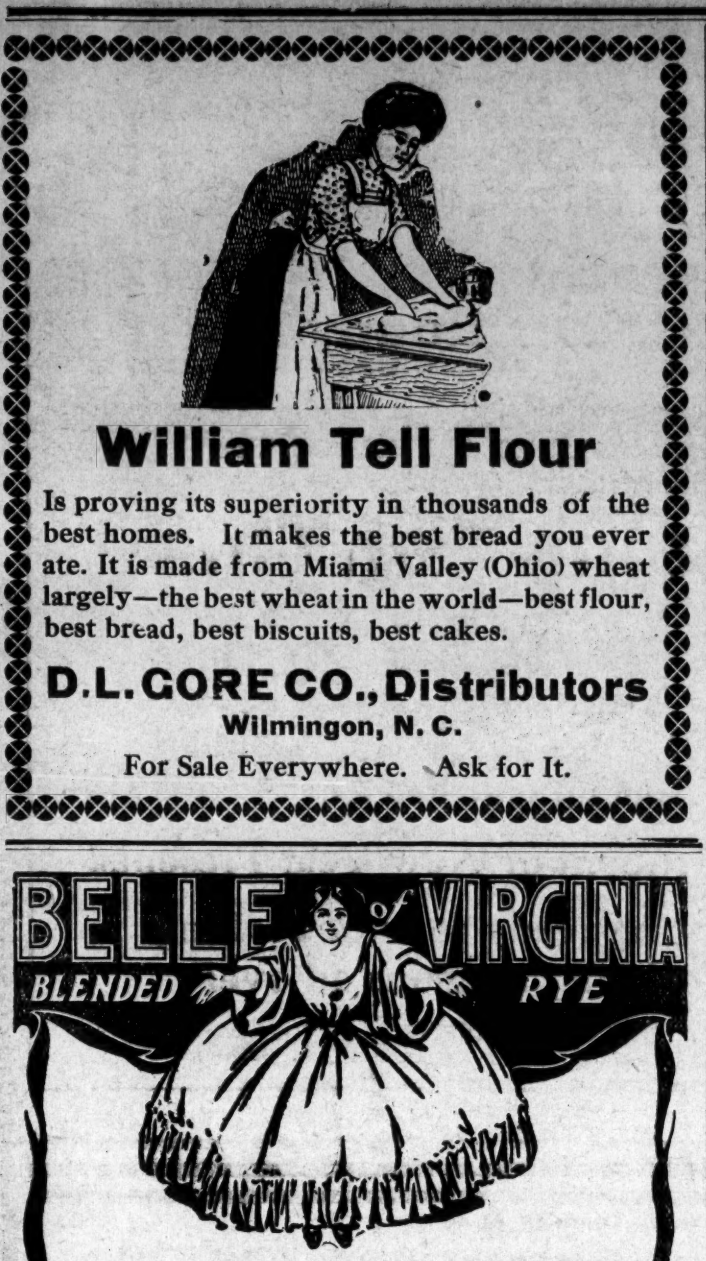
For Gentlemen of Good Taste
San Felice high grade 5c Cigar
Samuel Bear, Sr. & Sons,
Distributors
18 and 20 MARKET STREET.
WILMINGTON, N. C.

SMOKE
CUBAN BLOSSOM CIGARS!
WHY?
BECAUSE IT IS THE BEST CIGAR FOR THE MONEY.
H. L. VOLLERS.
WHOLESALE GROCER.

William Tell Flour

Is proving its superiority in thousands of the best homes. It makes the best bread you ever ate. It is made from Miami Valley (Ohio) wheat largely—the best wheat in the world—best flour, best bread, best biscuits, best cakes.

D.L. GORE CO., Distributors
Wilmingon, N. C.
For Sale Everywhere. Ask for It.



Belle of Virginia Rye deserves its name, and the name is certainly one of distinction and old-time aristocracy. It's a whiskey we are proud of on account of its purity and high quality and its hosts of admiring friends who will drink nothing else. Belle of Virginia is a blend—a scientific, uniform blend of pure, old goods. It's a whiskey with a flavor, and a fine, invigorating after-effect long to be remembered by those who drink it. Try it and you will make no mistake.

Sold at the places where gentlemen go to get a drink.

J. & E. MAHONEY
Portsmouth, Virginia

THE WHISKEY WITH ANCESTRY

XMAS CHEER

We carry the largest and most complete assortment of Wines and Liquors in the city.

Sold at reasonable prices and quality guaranteed. Ask for price list and mail us your order.

GIESCHEN BROS.
OPPOSITE UNION DEPOT
Wilmington, N. C.

dec 13 tf

New Embroideries

For 1908 Are Now On Display.

These goods have been very carefully selected, and we believe we have the most attractive stock we have ever shown.

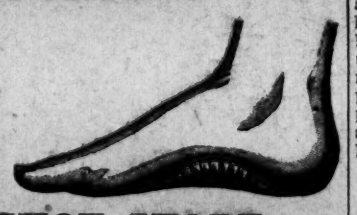
C. H. FORE & COMPANY
Sole agents for Redfern and Thompson's Glove Fitting Corsets, Dr. Jaeger's Wool Underwear.

dec 29 tf

ARCH SUPPORTERS

Standing, walking, carrying heavy burdens often produce what is called "Flat-foot" which causes a Tired-feeling in the feet. Occasional acute pains sometimes remind you that your feet are in trouble.

Our Arch Supporter positively cures this trouble. Ask your doctor, or bring your troubbled foot to us.



SOLOMON'S SHOE STORE

dec 29 tf

Thousands Read the Star Business Locals

THE NATIONAL REVENUE

Prohibition and What the Government Gets From the Sale of Liquor in the United States—Yearly Comparison.

A correspondent has inquired of the New Orleans Picayune the amount of revenue collected by the United States Government upon spirituous liquors, wines and malt beverages in a single year.

It should be noted that the National Government collects customs dues on all of such liquors imported from foreign countries, and internal revenue taxes upon all made in the country. The imported spirits are chiefly brandies, Scotch and Irish whiskies, gins, rums and cordials, while there are a large import of foreign wines, and considerable quantities of foreign ales, porters and beers are brought in from abroad. The amounts collected in customs dues on imported liquors are here given for five years up to 1907, the fiscal year of the United States, ending June 30:

Year.	Wines and Malt Liquors	Spirits
1902	$5,477,686	$4,670,827
1903	6,046,100	5,164,298
1904	6,070,486	5,576,888
1905	6,360,591	5,737,208
1906	6,972,554	6,555,659

It is seen from these, the official figures, that there is a steady increase year by year in the importation of foreign liquors of various kinds, but the internal revenue on liquors made in the country is greater, tenfold, on wines and malt beverages, while on spirits it is two hundred and fifty times greater, thus:

Internal Revenue Taxes

Year.	Wines and Malt Liquors	Spirits
1902	$71,988,902	$121,138,013
1903	47,547,856	131,953,472
1904	49,083,459	135,810,015
1905	50,360,553	135,958,513
1906	55,641,859	143,394,055
1907	59,342,450	157,782,395

Taking the figures for 1906 which are completed, it is seen that the total revenues on liquors from both sources are as follows:

Imported liquors	$ 13,528,214
Internal revenue	299,424,254
Total	$312,952,468

From this it is seen that the United States derives a yearly income of over $300,000,000 from the importation and manufacture of intoxicating liquors, an amount which is to be supplemented from the license tax collected from every seller of such beverages, and these licensed dealers throughout this vast country must figure up into millions.

The official reports do not show that the spread of local option and prohibition laws have so far operated to reduce the Government's income, but doubtless if the movement is carried on at the present rate of progress the public revenue will be largely cut down, unless there shall be a proportional increase in secret drinking. The State laws may prohibit the manufacture and sale of liquors, but they cannot destroy or abridge the right of men to drink, and only a law of Congress can put a stop to the importation. Those persons who are determined to exercise their right to drink spirits, wine or beer, if these beverages cannot be got in the country, will secure them from abroad, and so a certain amount of drinking will go on despite all opposition.

Maine has long been under a prohibition law, and Kansas, North Dakota and Oklahoma bear her company. On New Year's day a State prohibition law will go into effect in Georgia. Under this law druggists, even, are prohibited from selling any liquor but pure alcohol, on a physician's prescription, usable only within forty-eight hours after it is written. Physicians are required to make actual examination of every patient for whom they prescribe alcohol, and to certify that it is necessary for the alleviation of the illness from which the patient is suffering. Not more than a pint of alcohol may be prescribed at one time, and a prescription may not be refilled. All such prescriptions must be filed for record with the County Clerk.

The Alabama Legislature, in special session, has recently enacted a prohibition law which will soon go into effect, while local option is in operation in all the other States of the Union, except the Rocky Mountain group, composed of Montana, Idaho, Wyoming, Colorado, Utah, Nevada, Arizona and New Mexico. It is claimed that Mississippi and other Southern States will soon be in the arms of the Prohibitionists. However this may be, it is certain that those States in which there is a great foreign population will never consent to be deprived of their accustomed beverages, and the spread of prohibition may cause such a shifting of the foreign-born population as to enable them to control the States in which they live.—New Orleans Picayune.

Badly Mixed Up.

Abraham Brown, of Winterton, N. Y., had a very remarkable experience; he says; 'Doctors got badly mixed up over me; one said heart disease; two called it kidney trouble; the fourth, blood poison, and the fifth stomach and liver trouble; but none of them helped me; so my wife advised trying Electric Bitters, which are restoring me to perfect health. One bottle did me more good than all the five doctors prescribed." Guaranteed to cure blood poison, weakness and all stomach, liver and kidney complaints, by R R. Bellamy, druggist, 50c.

Here's Good Advice.

O. S. Woolever, one of the best known merchants of Le Raysville, N. Y., says: "If you are every troubled with piles, apply Bucklen's Arnica Salve. It cured me of them for good 20 years ago." Cures every sore, wound, burn or abrasion. 25c. at R. R. Bellamy's drug store.

Christmas Gifts

A Christmas gift to be appreciated, is one that is useful and lasting. We have an especial fine selection at our new location, consisting of:

Rogers Silver Plated Knives and Forks,
Rogers Silver Plated Spoons,
Fine Carving Sets,
Pocket and Table Cutlery, Scissors, Desk Sets, Razors and Razor Strops, Ever Ready and Gillette Safety Razors, Rifles and Shot Guns, and many other articles not mentioned here.

Sloan & Sweeney
Phone 332 18 S. Front St.

dec 8 tf

What's the Use

of paying more for an article through prejudice, than you can buy for less, that's just as good?

Take Whiskey, for Instance.

We make but one charge—just for whiskey—that's all. When you pay more than we ask for our whiskey you are being taxed for something else besides the whiskey.

Now "WHAT'S THE USE" of you paying an excess to anybody for imaginary superiority—when we have the same goods, but are content through immense volumes of sales, to break even on profits—instead of "hikeing up" the price beyond the point of giving you value received.

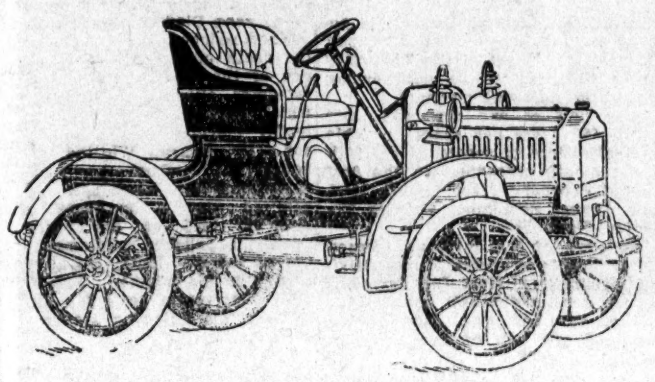
"CHESTERFIELD" products are "AS GOOD AS THE BEST FOR LESS." That's the reason "CHESTERFIELD" Whiskies are popular.

"CHESTERFIELD NEVER DISAPPOINTS." Full quart $1.00. TRY IT.

Southern Distilling Co.
M. SELIGMAN, MANAGER.
Phone 248 for quick delivery. se 22-tf

THE PEERLESS MAXWELL

Guaranteed for 12 months and will last ten years.



A wise and discriminating buyer will investigate.

FRANK HERBST, Sole Agent.

A HOLD-UP!

There are all sorts of "Hold-ups" these days. Some are agreeable, others are not. It is certainly anything but pleasant to be urged and importuned to buy a Suit just because you happened to drop into a store for a moment's look.

No such "hold-ups" here.

You're always as welcome to look as to buy. Look or buy at your leisure and no urging. Neither do we attempt to "hold up" patrons by advertising false inducements to attract trade.

No such "hold ups" here.

We are Sole Agents for

Dr. Deimel's Linen Mesh Underwear
For Ladies and Men.

J. M. SOLKY & CO.
THE ONE PRICE CLOTHIER
Masonic Temple Building. Front Street

dec 29 tf

Great Reduction Sale
—By—
A. D. BROWN
"The Modest Price Store"

Ladies' Coat Suits, Jackets, Wraps, Skirts.

FURS - FURS - FURS

Bargains for Everybody!

Sole Agency Black Cat Hosiery, Butterick Patterns, American Lady Corsets.

dec 29 tf

Report of the conditions of

THE PEOPLE'S SAVINGS BANK
Wilmington, N. C.

At the close of business December 3rd, 1907.

Resources:

Loans and Discounts.....		$609,417 64
All other stocks, bonds and Mortgages		10,000 00
Furniture and Fixtures....		2,246 05
Cash on Hand and in Banks.		110,136 21
Total		$731,799 90

Liabilities:

Capital Stock		$ 30,000 00
Undivided profits, less expenses and taxes paid...		50,792 99
Dividends Unpaid		7.50
Deposits subject to check....$511,257 46		
Demand Certificates of Deposits	139,741 95	650,999 41
Total		$731,799 90

I, F. W. Dick, Cashier of the above named bank do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

F. W. DICK, Cashier.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this the 5th day of December, 1907.

C. S. GRAINGER, Notary Public.

Correst Attest,
M. W. DIVINE,
J. A. SPRINGER,
H. C. McQUEEN,
Directors.

dec 6-tf.

Schedule Steamer Atlantic

Effective September 1st.

Until further notice, Steamer Atlantic will leave Southport daily at 7:30 o'clock A. M. Leave Wilmington daily, except Sunday, at 2-30 o'clock P. M.

M. T. CRAIG,
Phone 764. General Manager.

PRINTING
for Particular People

That is MY BUSINESS.
Are YOU particular?
If so, just phone 1619

W. S. MINTZ
11 and 13 Dock Street

We extend you an invitation to do your banking with this institution next year. The United States Government just increased its deposit and now has

$104,000.00

in our keeping. Our total assets now amount to nearly Two Million Dollars, yet we are seeking new accounts for the new year, and are prepared to care for your own.

The Southern National Bank

dec 22 tf

Dry Pond Cold Tablets

"Do the Work Every Time"

In different sections colds affect folks differently. Dry Pond Cold Tablets are intended for Wilmington and adjacent points. Take them when you feel a cold coming on and they'll relieve you every time.

Cost Only 25c Per Box.

Phone
JAS. M. HALL
DRUGGIST
Fifth and Castle. 'Phone 192.

dec 17 tf

LOW EXCURSION RATES
via
ATLANTIC COAST LINE

Account Christmas Holidays. Round trip tickets on sale December 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 30, 31 and January 1st.

Final return limit Janaury 6th. For further information Phone 160.

T. C. WHITE, General Passenger Agent.
W. J. CRAIG, Passenger Traffic Manager.
Wilmington, N. C.

dec 10 to jan 1.

The Morning Star.

Tuesday, December 31, 1907.

WEATHER REPORT.

U. S. Department of Agriculture Weather Bureau.

Wilmington, N. C., Dec. 30, 1907.

Meteorological data for the 24 hours ending at 8 P. M. Monday, December 30.

Temperature at 8 A M., 67 degrees; 8 P. M., 61 degrees; maximum 71 degrees; minimum 52 degrees; mean 62 degrees.

Rainfall for the day, .05; rainfall for the month, 2.31.

Stage of water in Cape Fear river at Fayetteville at 8 A. M. Sunday 10 feet.

Weather Forecast.

For North Carolina—Fair and colder Tuesday; Wednesday fair, brisk west to northwest winds.

Port Calendar—Dec. 29.

Sun Rises .. ..7:10 A. M.
Sun Sets. .. ..4:54 P. M.
Day's Length .. ..9 hrs. 44 min.
High water at Southport 2:32 P. M.
High water at Wilmington 5:02 P. M.

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS.

—Yesterday afternoon's Fayetteville Observer: "Messrs. E. C. Holt and A. S. Williams, of Wilmington, were in the city today."

—Miss Charlotte Fennell leaves this morning for Goldsboro where she will be the guest of friends and will attend the New Year german there tomorrow night.

—Yesterday afternoon's Fayetteville Observer says: "Mr. and Mrs. Neill D. Emerson and little daughter, arrived here today from Wilmington. Mrs. Emerson will spend the Winter with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Slocomb, on Dick street."

ASSISTANT CHIEF SURGEON.

Dr. E. B. Quillan Comes to Wilmington From A. C. L. Hospital.

It is officially announced that effective January 1st, Dr. E. B. Quillan, superintendent of the Atlantic Coast Line Hospital at Rocky Mount, N. C., is appointed assistant chief surgeon of the system with headquarters in this city. Dr. Quillan is succeeded as superintendent of the hospital at Rocky Mount by Dr. R. W. Crawford, of Strasburg, Va., who will also enter upon his new duties the first of the year.

The office of assistant chief surgeon of the Coast Line is a new one and is made necessary by the constantly increasing machinery of the Relief Department which is maintained by the company for the benefit of its employes. Dr. G. G. Thomas, of this city, is chief surgeon of the Atlantic Coast Line and Dr. Quillan, who has been in the service of the company for some years, will be in the Wilmington office to assist him. Dr. Quillan is known by many Wilmington people who will be pleased to welcome him to the city.

PRETTY CHRISTMAS TREE

Castle Haynes Road Sunday School Delightfully Entertained.

A large audience was delightfully entertained Friday evening at the Castle Haynes Road Sunday School by the junior and senior classes of the to give Santa Claus a chance to compositions written by the children on the birth and life of Christ and appropriate music at intervals. After that part of the programme was concluded, fifteen minutes was spent with a display of fireworks on the outside to give Santa Clause a chance to conceal himself in the great chimney. When the audience returned to the room, the lights were dimmed at twelve taps of the bell and Santa Claus appeared in the person of Mr. G. W. Shepard, who came through the fire place with a light in one hand and a load of fruit for the people, after which about 100 presents were taken from the tree and distributed to the children and mothers. Children visiting the tree from other schools also received presents. It was a delightful affair in every respect.

SERMON TO THE JUNIORS

Splendid Discourse by Rev. K. D. Holmes on Sunday Night.

The annual sermon to the Junior Order of United American Mechanics in Wilmington was preached to the members of George Washington and Jeff Davis councils Sunday evening at 7:30 o'clock by the Rev. Kenneth D. Holmes, the pastor at Fifth Street M. E. Church. Members of both councils assembled at their hall on Market street at 7 o'clock and proceeded to the church in a body where special seats were reserved and occupied by them. The sermon of Mr. Holmes is spoken of as having been very elevating and helpful, being along fraternal lines and highly appropriate to an occasion of the kind. It was regretted by the Juniors that the short notice rather militated against a full attendance, but those who were present were delighted with the service. In addition to the sermon, the church choir rendered special and very pretty music.

DELINQUENT LIST MADE UP.

Advertised Sale of Property Now in Hands of The Printers.

Sheriff S. P. Cowan yesterday began furnishing to the printers the manuscript for the advertised list of property to be sold as delinquent for taxes. The cost has been added and Sheriff Cowan says that all the delinquents will appear in the list unless immediate settlement is made. He has given notice time and again during the past thirty days and as he is now required by law to settle with the State Treasurer much earlier than usual, he has no alternative to placing the property on sale and returning it as sold. The list is being put in type as fast as possible and as soon as it is completed, the advertisement of the sale will appear. A word to the wise in this respect should be sufficient.

LOCAL DOTS.

—George Washington Council, Junior Order of United American Mechanics, will have installation of new officers and work in the intitiatory degree on Friday night, Jan. 3rd. A full attendance of members is expected.

—An inquiry was received yesterday at the police station to know the whereabouts of Stacy Ammons, a white carpenter who has been missing from his home at Marion, S. C., several days. If he will call at the police station he may receive a message that will be of interest to him.

—The Public Library, which was closed during the holidays until yesterday for the purpose of an inventory, has been opened to the public again, but patrons are reminded that tomorrow will be New Year's and the library will not be open for the day on account of the holiday.

—The local cotton market yesterday was quoted at 10 13-16 cents for middling. The receipts were 2,785 bales, against only 285 bales same day last season. The British steamer Lord Derby, Capt. Glasson, will be the next steamer to clear with cargo and will get out about New Year's day.

—By deeds filed for record yesterday the following real estate transfers appear: Ephraim Bishop and wife to Samuel P. Collier and wife, for $228, property on north side of Rankin, 99 feet east of Wood street, 33x66 feet in size. Wm. H. Cotton and wife and others to the Cape Fear Steam Fire Engine Company, property on north side of Wooster street, 66 feet east of Fourth street 66x132 feet in size.

DIVIDEND IS DECLARED.

Tidewater Power Company Preferred Stockholders Get Five Per Cent.

At a meeting of the Board of Directors of the Tidewater Power Company, held at the office of the Company yesterday morning at 11 o'clock the regular five per cent. dividend was declared on the preferred stock out of the earnings of the past year payable during 1908, under the terms of the following resolution:

"That the regular dividend of five per cent. be declared out of the accrued earnings of the Company upon the preferred stock of the Tidewater Power Company to be paid during 1908 in the following manner:

"One half of one per cent. per month (50 cents per share) payable to stockholders of record of the 20th of the month preceding, on the first days of February, March, April, May, June, August, September, October, November, December.

"And out of the earnings accrued and applicable to preferred stock dividend accumulated since July 1st, 1907, one per cent. additional; payable one half of one per cent. January 1st, 1908, and one half of one per cent. on July 1st, 1908."

It will be seen by the last clause that the dividend to be paid January 1st, is a special dividend applying on the dividends accrued since July 1st, 1907. By this arrangement the holders of preferred stock will receive a dividend check the first day of every month during 1908.

Those present at the meeting yesterday were Mr. Hugh MacRae, president: Mr. Harry Woolcott, secretary: Mr. M. F. H. Gouveneur, Mr. Junius Davis, Mr. M. J. Heyer, Mr. George R. French, Mr. Oscar Pearsoll, Mr. Jas. H. Chadbourn, Mr. J. G. L. Gieschen, Mr. Eduard Ahrens.

POLICE COURT YESTERDAY.

Two Boys to the Country—Other Cases Not Interesting.

Two small white boys, neither above fourteen years of age, were the star defendants in the police court yesterday. Their names are Justice and Moore and they were charged with the larceny of fireworks from the store of J. H. Rehder & Co., during the holidays. Mr. Rehder at first thought he would make an example of the urchins as it is believed that they had been carrying off various articles from the store during the rush of the holidays, but later he relented and it was agreed after a conference with the Mayor, Rev. R. W. Hogue and others, that it would be best to send the youngsters to the country where there will be no temptations and some incentive to mend their ways. Each of the boys will go to the home of relatives in Bladen county.

R. H. Barnes, a white man was charged with disorderly conduct in maltreating his wife, but the latter appeared in court and pleaded for her husband, whereupon the Mayor delivered a sharp lecture to the prisoner and suspended a judgment of 30 days on the roads over him. If he is brought again the Mayor stated that the sentence would be put into execution at once. The other defendants were let off in the main with the costs.

WILLIAMS COMEDY COMPANY

"Under the Lion's Paw" Successfully Presented—Tonight's Bill.

Before a large audience the Williams Comedy Company made its initial bow to Wilmington theatre-goers at the Academy last night. The engagement is for all the week, excepting tomorrow (New Year's) and will, no doubt, prove popular in nature as well as popular in price. The evening bill last night was "Under the Lion's Paw" and gave splendid satisfaction. The company showed up in fine style and the production was well made. The comedy was especially well handled, and the specialties between acts were bright and clever.

The engagement promises to be a highly successful one and the company will present from night to night a modern success and will also change the specialties at each performance. Tonight the bill will be "Way Up East," which is one of the company's feature plays and which is strong in both dramatic action and comedy. The vaudeville bill for tonight will be particularly strong, being entirely different from that of last night. Seats for this performance can be secured at Plummer's.

BIG COURT IN PROSPECT

Already More Than 130 Cases For January Term.

The two weeks term of New Hanover Superior Court for the trial of criminal cases only, which will convene on Monday, January 20th, promises to be one of the heaviest on record. Already 132 cases have been docketed by the clerk and in some of these cases the indictments contain more than one count, so that there are really about 147 cases, with the outlook for the addition of some thirty or more before the court convenes.

Judge Walter H. Neal, of Laurinburg, will preside at this term and he is very pleasantly remembered as having held court in Wilmington about three years ago when he was filling out the unexpired term of some other judge. He carries business along with a dispatch that augurs well for the clearance of the heavy docket on this occasion. He has many personal friends as well as many professional acquaintances in Wilmington.

The jail is crowded with prisoners and there is room for few more, so that commitments are now being made only when it is unavoidablbe. Over 40 were incarcerated in "durance vile" Christmas day and the force has been considerably augmented since that time. One of the recent commitments is Will Richardson, the negro arrested at Southern Pines for the double murder in Terry's alley Christmas eve. He will no doubt be placed on trial at the coming term and although he stoutly insists that he is innocent the authorities are weaving a strong chain of circumstantial evidence around him. Other cases of interest to come up at this term are those in connection with the killing of the negro on Masonboro Sound, when he is alleged by L. M. Bryant and others to have been resisting arrest; Oscar Johnson charged with cutting the throat of the young white man Brockett; Mary McDaniel, the colored woman charged with arson in starting a fire at Second and Wright streets, which burned a colored church and numerous dwellings, while there are many more that will serve to keep the court busy for a full two weeks.

CAPT. THOS. S. WHITTED DEAD.

One of Bladen's Most Prominent Citizens Died at Chadbourn.

News reached the city yesterday of the death of Capt. Thos. S. Whitted, one of the leading and most highly esteemed citizens of Bladen county, which occurred at 4:30 o'clock yesterday morning at the home of his son. Mr. Duncan Whitted, at Chadbourn, with whom he had been spending the holidays. Captain Whitted was a graduate of the class of 1858 at the State University, a polished gentleman, a true son of the old South, chivalrous and urbane in his manner. The Fayetteville Observer of yesterday afternoon contains the following account of his death:

"The deceased was the son of the late William Nash and Emeline McKay Whitted, and was born in Hillsboro, seventy years ago. He is survived by a widow, who was Miss Elizabeth Cromartie, a sister of Mrs. D. H. Ray and Mrs. T. H. Sutton of this city, and three sons: Messrs. Thomas, of Bonifay, Fla.; Duncan, of Chadbourn, and Marion of Goldsboro. He has three brothers living: Messrs. James, John and William Whitted, the latter Clerk of the Court of Bladen county. The late Mrs. A. B. Williams, of this city was his sister.

"Capt. Whitted was one of Bladen's most prominent citizens, and at the time of his death was commander of the Bladen county Confederate Veteran's Camp. The funeral will be held at Elizabethtown tomorrow at noon.

"Capt. and Mrs. D. H. Ray, Mrs. T. H Sutton and Messrs. A. B. and A. R. Williams left this afternoon for Elizabethtown to be present at the funeral."

LOCAL PORT PARAGRAPHS

Steamer in With Cargo, Another Out With Cotton—Barge.

The German steamer Hermine Hessenmuller, 1,923 tons, arrived at Southport yesterday with cargo of fertilizer constituents from Hamburg, Germany, having been on her voyage since the first of December. She is consigned to Messrs. Heide & Co., and will begin discharging cargo at the Wilmington Compress and Warehouse Company's dock.

The British steamer Dacre Hill, Captain Kendall, cleared yesterday for Bremen, Germany, with cargo of 10,687 bales cotton, valued at $640,000 and consigned by Messrs. Alexander Sprunt & Son. Just before sailing Captain Kendall received the sad intelligence by cable from England that his wife had died. The many friends of Captain Kendall tenderly sympathize with him in the sorrow that has come to him.

The tug Standard, towing Standard Oil Barge No. 94, arrived in port yesterday from Philadelphia, via Charleston, S. C., with a supply of products for the Southern depot of the company in this city. The Standard is tied up at the Custom House wharf and will probably sail today for the North again. The Standard Oil Company has some of the finest tugs and barges afloat and the arrival of any of the craft is always a matter of interest on the wharf.

EVERY HOUSEKEEPER SHOULD READ THIS

if she wants value received for the money.

The fame and popularity of the White House Cook Book is known in many homes. You should have this splendid work and it is practically free with the Philadelphia Press. The Press will be sent to any address one year with the White House Cook Book for $3.50. The value of the Book alone is $2.00, and the regular price of the paper one year $3.00, so that this cut rate of the Press, Daily one year and the Book for $3.50, places both within your reach for practically the price of one. But Don't Hesitate; order now and avoid the chance of not being able to get this bargain later on. **

—The Candidate—What, gentlemen, is the moving spirit of the age? The Voice—Gasoline!—Sketch.

Agents for Kirshbaum Clothing and Crawford Shoes.

J. H. Rehder & Co.
THE POPULAR DEPARTMENT STORE

Agents for Carhartt Overalls and New Idea 10c Patterns.

The Firm That Pays Your Car Fare.

We Wish You a Happy and a Prosperous New Year

Bargains For This Week!

Balance of Toys and Fancy Goods at Special Cut Prices.

Splendid Assortment of New Year Presents.

We are getting ready for stock taking and are offering bargains all over our big store.

dec 29 tf

FREE KNIFE!

For a limited time with each Boy suit or shoe for $3.00 and over we give a good 2-Blade Knife, every Boy or Girl will be delighted to get one of these presents; send them to us, we will fit them correctly and give them their money's worth.

CLOTHING

Young Men's Suits in Grey, Black and Browns neat and nobby patterns in latest styles from $7.50 to $15.00.

Men's Suits, a big line of Black Thibets and Unfinished Worsteds latest styles; Vanition lined, a nobby Dress Suit, prices $15 to $25.

Rain Coats, full assortment of Grays, Blacks and Tan Colors, prices $10.00 to $15.00.

SUITS MADE TO MEASURE

If you intend to have a suit made come and look over our samples. We can make you any kind of suit you want from Business suit to full Dress we have an expert here at all times for measuring. We guarantee you a fit or no sale.

Sole agent for Hole-proof Socks and Stockings, the sock that will wear you six months.

J. W. H. FUCHS
128 to 136 South Front Street,

dec 22 tf

NOTICE

Wilmington, N. C., Dec. 21, 1907.

The busines of the Atlantic National Bank has been consolidated with the Murchison National Bank. The Murchison National Bank assumes all the liabilities of the Atlantic National Bank and obligates itself to pay the same.

With the large resources and liberal policy of the Murchison National Bank, all patrons of either bank may feel assured of the best treatment in every particular.

ATLANTIC NATIONAL BANK,
J. W. YATES, Cashier.
MURCHISON NATIONAL BANK,
J. V. GRAINGER, Cashier.

de 22-tf.

Never Too Late to Mend

Never too old to enjoy our beer. It is pure, palatable and refreshing and makes a good drink for luncheon, dinner or on retiring. Order a case of Pale Export beer and you will find it will be a case of all around satisfaction.

DARLEY PARK BREWERY
Tel. 49. 319 N. Nutt Street.
G. M. KNIGHT, Manager.
Wilmington, N. C.

dec 10 tf

Get Wise---Read Star Business Locals

HISTORY MAKING YEAR

The Old One Will be Recorded as Notable in the Financial World But Prospects are Much Brighter Now.

(By Wire to The Morning Star.)

New York, Dec. 30.—The year 1907 has been one in which there has been much making of financial history.

It will go down with 1857, 1873 and 1893 as one of the panic years in American finance.

The year opened with the feeling in conservative quarters that speculation had already been carried to an unwarranted height and that prudence was imposed by conditions upon bankers and capitalists.

But the extent to which capital resources had been strained was not revealed in a striking manner to the general public until "the silent panic" of March 14th, now almost over shadowed by later events, but at the time one of the most serious and remarkable breaks which the market has ever suffered.

The loss of nineteen points in Amalgamated Copper in a single day, twenty-one points in American Smelting, twenty-two in Reading and twenty-five in Union Pacific, wiped out margins, compelled the calling of loans and wrecked the fortunes of many speculators.

The market recovered only slowly during the spring and early summer, to suffer new reactions in August; but it was not until mid-October that the storm broke in all its force with the collapse of the corner in United Copper, the appeal of the Morse-Heinz banks to the clearing house for help and the refusal to extend such help until the old control was eliminated.

The Knickerbocker Trust Company was closed October 22, after paying out about $8,000,000 in cash and runs began upon the Trust Company of America, which called for the disbursement of $34,000,000 and upon the Lincoln Trust Company which suffered an early proportionate loss of deposits.

The suspension of cash payments by practically all the banks and the decision on Saturday, October 26, to issue clearing house certificates on the following Monday, marked the culminating stages of the crisis.

Secretary Cortelyou hurried to New York and deposited about $30,000,000 of public money in the National banks of the city. Foreign exchange, which had been adverse, fell to the gold import point and by November 1, the engagements of gold for import had reached $50,000,000 and before the close of December about $106,000,000.

Notwitstanding these measures of relief the country banks and the public swallowed up, in the week ending November 2nd, about $60,000,000 in currency. Government deposits amounting to nearly $30,000,000 disappeared and a loss of cash reserve in the banks was disclosed of $30,601,800.

At the same time the bank and trust company situation reached one of its most critical stages. The advent of an extra holiday on election day, November 5th, afforded a breathing spell for a combination among the trust companies to protect those upon which runs were being made, and the announcement of this plan on Wednesday, turned one of the most dangerous points of the situation. It was not until ten days later, however, that Secretary Cortelyou announced his plan for drawing money from hoards and permitting an increase in the bank note circulation by the offer to the public of fifty million in 2 per cent. canal bonds and $100,000,000 in one year certificates bearing interest at three per cent.

This announcement, accompanied by a vigorous letter from President Roosevelt did much in the opnion of many bankers, to stay the panic, so that eventually it was necessary to issue only about $25,000,000 of the bonds and $15,000,000 of the certificates.

While these measures tended to restore confidence to a certain degree there was no indication of the renewal of business activity for some weeks. A premium upon currency which had run as high as 4 per cent. continued in force all through November and December.

The national banks have stood up under the pressure much better than in the early stages of the crisis in 1893. The suspensions at that time were about 160 in the three months of June, July and August. The number of national bank suspensions hardly equalled a dozen during the recent panic, the most important being that of the National Bank of Commerce of Kansas City.

The permanent effect upon the National Banking system of the scarcity of capital and the collapse of various business enterprises has not yet been revealed, but there are no indications that it will be so severe as after the panic of 1893, when the number of National banks declined from 3,854 on June 1, 1893, to 3,583 on April 1, 1899 and the capital declined from $698,454,665 on June 1, 1893 to a minimum of $607,417,045 on October 1, 1899.

Imports of merchandise, which had been as much as $125,806,043 in August, fell to an average of about $109,000,000 for the next three months, ending with $110,789,109 for November.

Exports of merchandise on the other hand which had been as low as $127,270,447 in August, advanced to $180,256,085 in October 1, $204,444,860 in November.

The old year ends with prices of commodities, and securities much lower than a year ago and with liquidation largely advanced in the banking field if not in the field of commodities.

The great stock of currency absorbed during the period of panic is returning to the banks and the action just taken by the Secretary of the Treasury to recall a part of the deposits of public money in the banks will tend to check the outward movement of gold which in some quarters is expected within the next few months.

The financial structure of the country has stood the strain with only a limited number of serious disasters and will enter upon the New Year under much stronger and safer conditions than it began the old year.

MR. TAFT IS IN BOSTON

It Greeted by Cheers as "Next President" and Makes Speeches to Many Hebrews, Ministers and Merchants.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

Boston, Mass., Dec. 30.—Greeted with cheers as the "next president of the United States," a topic which he carefully avoided in his own remarks, however, Secretary of War William H. Taft delivered his first public speech since his world circling tour tonight at the annual banquet of the Boston Merchants Association at the Hotel Somerset.

The banquet closed a long and strenuous day for the Secretary of War during which he delivered a brief address before 400 ministers in the morning and attended a reception and spoke before a large gathering of the Hebrews of the city at the Elysium Club in the afternoon.

During his visit to Boston which ends tomorrow morning, Secretary Taft is the guest of Samuel Carr, a Boston banker and a relative of Mrs. Taft.

A more notable gathering of prominent and representative business men has seldom been seen in Boston than that which greeted the Secretary tonight.

In the banquet hall beautiful decorations adorned the tables which provided for the seating of 500 guests. President Jerome Jones, of the Boston Merchants Association presided.

The guests included, besides the Secretary of War, Congressman Sherley of Kentucky; Lieutenant Governor Eben S. Draper, of Massachusetts; Mayor John F. Fitzgerald, and Right Rev. William Lawrence, Bishop of Massachusetts.

Secretary Taft read his speech from manuscript throughout, making no comment relative to his own candidacy for the Presidency. His address was mainly in defense of President Roosevelt's administration.

HAS STARTED BACK.

Japanese Ambassador Aoki is Now on His Trip Home.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

Washington, Dec. 30.—"We shall take back home with us to Japan, only the kindliest for America and for her people and the highest regard for her institutions," said Viscount Aoki, the Japanese ambassador today just before his departure for San Francisco with Viscountess Aoki from which place they sail on Jan. 7, for home.

The ambassador returns to Japan at the instance of his government, which desires to consult with him freely regarding conditions affecting Japanese interests in America, notably those relating to the question of Japanese emigration to the United States. Viscount Aoki has represented Japan as Ambassador to the United States for about a year and a half and during that time has manifested the utmost activity and interest in all matters affecting his countrymen. He was the first ambassador accredited to the United States from Japan. He said today that his relations with the American government always had been of a most agreeable and pleasant.

"I am confident that an amicable understanding will be reached on this immigration question—the only one of any consequence that is now agitating the people of the two contries" said Ambassador Aoki. "I am certain that Japan will make every honorable concession within bounds and I feel equally confident that the American government will not insist upon anything unreasonable or that in any way will compromise the dignity of the honor of the Japanese government. Both governments are striving to reach an honorable solution of the immigration question and the latest advices that we have received from our government indicate that the way is gradually being paved with that end in view. As I have said again and again, there is every reason in the world why both countries should have the most complete understanding and continue in most amicable relations.

"Japan is anxious to be at peace with the world and to no country does this apply with greater force than to the United States, to whom in a large measure is due Japan's great rise and progress among the nation's of the world. It will be my earnest effort to advance and strengthen the existing friendsly relations in every way that lies in my power."

JANUARY WEATHER.

How it Has Averaged in Wilmington for Past 37 Years.

Showing conditions that have prevailed during January for a period of thirty-seven years in the history of the local Weather Bureau, some very interesting figures have just been issued by Observer Felger. The mean or normal temperature for January during all these years has been 47 degrees. The warmest month was that of 1890, with an average of 57 degrees, the coldest, that of 1893, with an average of 39 degrees. The highest temperature ever recorded during the month was on the 8th, in 1890, when 80 degrees was the reading. The lowest temperature was 9 degrees on the 6th, in 1884. The greatest amount of snowfall ever recorded during the month in any one 24 consecutive hours was on the 5th, 1874, when the fall was 4.56 inches. The prevailing winds for January were southwest and the average hourly velocity of the wind is 8.8 miles. The highest velocity ever recorded was 46 miles from the southwest on the 6th in 1892.

—Fayetteville, N. C., Dec. 29.—Congressman H. L. Godwin was here Saturday consulting with the Chamber of Commerce about an additional appropriation of one hundred thousand dollars for a Fayetteville public building and the establishment here of a Federal court for the district. Mr. Godwin will introduce the bill as soon as Congress reconvenes, and he feels confident of its passage.

WARM WIRELETS.

The twentieth biennial convention of the Phi Beta Phi Sorority began a four days session at New Orleans yesterday. About a score of young ladies are present.

William Bernard, formerly a pitcher of the Cleveland American League team yesterday signed a contract to manage the Nashville Southern League Club next season.

Rev. James H. Thornwell, D. D., a distinguished Presbyterian divine of South Carolina, died at his home at Fort Mill, yesterday after a brief attack of neuralgia of the heart. He was prominent in a number of fraternal organizations and was well known in this and other States.

Atty. Wilson speaking for the defense in the Caleb Powers trial at Georgetown, Ky., declared that Chas. Finley, who was indicted with Powers and is now a fugitive in Indiana, would have come back to Kentucky to testify at this trial, but is dying of consumption and unable to travel.

Meagre details have reached Hartselle, Ala., of a double tragedy at Bluff City, on the Tennessee river in which Rube Wassterata and Sam McClure shot and killed each other. Both men had been good friends, but one of them is said to have objected to attentions which the other was paying to his sister.

James W. Rierson of near Locust Grove, Floyd county, Va., was cut through the heart with a knife and killed Saturday night. Rierson, two men named Aldridge and another named Boyd were drinking when they got into a fight. Later Rierson was on the ground dying. By-standers said they could not tell who struck the fatal blow. Boyd and the Aldridges' have disappeared.

With a bullet in his temple, the body of Otto Witschen, book-keeper in the Peoples' Bank and Trust Company of Jacksonville, Fla., was found at 10 o'clock yesterday morning. Witschen and his wife quarreled Friday night when she left home. It is the belief of the police that Witschen killed himself Saturday morning, as the body indicated that he had been dead for more than a day. His accounts at the bank were straight.

Bishop Alexander Waters, a colored leader of Jersey City, in an address at the Twelfth Baptist church in Boston last night severely criticised President Roosevelt and Secretary Taft for their attitude on the Brownsville, Texas, shooting. He advised all his people to "give their money, talent and time to the defeat at the polls of any man or measure inimical to the best interests of the negroes.

General Eli Torrence, of Minneapolis, former commander-in-chief of the Grand Army of the Republic, sent $70 to the Alabama Confederate Home at Montgomery, Ala., as a holiday to the inmates. The money was sent in $1 bills—one for each old soldier. General Torrance became interested in the home when he visited Alabama three years ago. General Torrence contributed a substantial sum to the building fund and through him G. A. R. posts also contributed.

EARTHQUAKE IS FELT.

Earth Trembles Both at Washington and Albany, N. Y.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

Washington, Dec. 30.—A very heavy earthquake was recorded on the instruments at the Coast and Geodic Survey Observatory at Cheltenham, Maryland, this morning. It commenced at 33 minutes, 30 seconds past midnight and lasted over one hour.

The weather bureau issued the following bulletin relative to the earthquake:

A distant earthquake of considerable intensity was recorded by the seismographs at the weather bureau this morning commencing at 12:33 A. M., seventy-fifth meridian time, and lasted for over one hour. The first preliminary tremors continued for minutes and fifty-five seconds and the strongest motion occurred at 12:45 A. M., at which time the actual movement of the ground at Washington was about five milimetres.

Albany, N. Y., Dec. 30.—Early today an earthquake of large proportions was recorded on the seismographs at the State museum station in this city. The vibrations of the needles set upon both machines were severe, those of the north-south pendulum measuring 2 1-2 inches in maximum amplitude. The disturbance began at 12:33 A. M., and it took an hour for it to pass through this region. The preliminary tremors lasted about eight and a half minutes. The earthquake appears to have occurred at about 4,500 miles from Albany, with the center of the disturbance in the Cordilleran region of Central or South America or else out in the Pacific ocean west of Mexico.

Leibach, Austria Hungary, Dec. 30.—A series of earthquake shocks of great violence were recorded at the observatory here this morning which according to Professor Belar must have had their centre on the mainland between Mexico and Colombo and produced formidable effects. The record of the seismological instruments began at 6:40 A. M., and reached the maximum at 7:14 A. M. The disturbance as shown by the recording sheets lasted four hours.

The instruments at Laibach registered the earthquake at Kingston, Jamaisa, January 14 last the whole movement on that occasion lasting two hours and ten minutes.

Shide, Isle of Wight, December 30.—The seismological instruments at the Shide Hill observatory registered an earthquake this morning. Prof. John Milne, the well known authority on seismological disturbances says that it is one of the greatest earthquakes experienced in some time and recalls those in the early part of 1907, and the previous year. Professor Milne is making a comparison from the records of today referred to the Kingston, Jamaica, disaster as being similar in kind. He believed that the present disturbance if not of submarine origin, may prove to have been most destructive.

—Mr. Taft is beginning to suspect that there is nothing whatever in that theory that absence makes the heart grow fonder.—Indianapolis News.

FAMOUS GAMBLERS.

Old Time London Betting Clubs and Their Members.

There were three principal clubs—White's, Brookes' and Boodles'. White's was originally a "chocolate house" in William III.'s time, but became a private club early in the eighteenth century and was used by the Tories. It was a club always noted for high play and betting, and very curious some of their bets were, the old wager book being still preserved. Brookes' was the Whig club and was then conducted by that

Liberal Brookes, whose speculative skill
Is hasty credit and a distant bill;
Who, nursed in clubs, disdained a vulgar trade,
Exults to trust and blushes to be paid.

Among the members of this club were the Prince of Wales, and, of course, his fidus Achates, Sheridan, besides the great Charles James Fox, who here played deeply and whose name is oft recorded in the wager book, which, however, is of older date and was kept when the club was held at Almack's. "Lord Northington bets Mr. C. Fox, June 4, 1774, that he (Mr. C. F.) is not called to the bar before this day four years." "March 11, 1775, Lord Bolingbroke gives a guinea to Mr. Charles Fox and is to receive a thousand from him whenever the debt of this county amounts to £171,000,000. Mr. Fox is not to pay the £1,000 till he is one of his majesty's cabinet." "April 7, 1791, Mr. Sheridan bets Lord Lauderdale and Lord Thanet 25 guineas each that parliament will not consent to any more lotteries after the present one voted to be drawn in February next."—From "The Dawn of the Nineteenth Century," by John Ashton.

Never Forsake a Friend.

Whatever happens, never forsake a friend. When enemies gather, when sickness falls upon the heart, when the world is dark and cheerless, is the time to try true friendship. They who turn from the scenes of distress betray their hypocrisy and prove that interest only moves them. If you have a friend who loves you, who has studied your interest and happiness, be sure to sustain him in adversity. Let him feel that his love was not thrown away. Real fidelity may be rare, but it exists in the heart. They only deny its worth and power who never loved a friend or labored to make a friend happy.—Exchange.

Girls to Be Pitied.

I know of many well to do middle class families where the daughters, having received the education of canary birds, are launched on a sea of gayety with a cargo of pretty smiles and frocks to captivate husbands.—London Madame.

YOUR HAT

May Be a Stylish One, But It Makes Trouble.

A man usually buys a hat that's "in style," but the modern hat for men has lots to answer for.

Baldheads are growing more numerous every day. Hats make excellent breeding places for the parasitic germs which sap the life from the roots of the hair.

When your hair begins to fall out and your scalp is full of Dandruff it is a sure sign that these countless germs are busily at work.

There is but one way to overcome the trouble and kill the germs—that way is to apply Newbro's Herpicide to the scalp—it will kill the germs and healthy hair is sure to result.

Sold by leading druggists. Send 10c. in stamps for sample to The Herpicide Co., Detroit, Mich.

Two sizes—50 cents and $1.00.
HARDIN'S PHARMACY. Special Agt.

STAR BUSINESS LOCALS

The Star will send without charge, A. D. T. (Western Union) Messenger to your Place of Business or Residence for Advertisements for our Business Locals Department. 'Phone the Star office, No. 51.

Rates—25 cents for each insertion of twenty-five words, or less. Additional words, more than twenty-five, one cent per word in advance.

The A. D. T. Messengers will also call for telegrams for the Western Union Telegraph Co., or for Notes or small packages to be delivered anywhere in the city. No charges for the telegrams, and but a small charge for notes. For this service call Western Union, 'Phone 2. But for Advertisements always call the Star office, 'Phone 51.

CARNATIONS—$1.00 and $1.50 per dozen. Violets by the hundred and by the bunch. Special attention given to design work. 510 South Third street. Phone 1249. de 31-1t*

LOST—A pin with small diamond in it, Monday night about 9 o'clock on street car or between Fifth and Chesnut and corner Front and Dock. Reward for return to 18 Market street. de 31-1t*

WANTED—Large quantities of sap pine and long-leaf heart pine crossties. Will give the highest cash prices for them delivered on wharf in Wilmington. Send in your ties and get your cash. The money panic doesn't affect us. The Windley Cross-tie Company, office 114 Princess street. Postoffice Box 695. de 27 6t*

BAKER wanted at once. First class. Single preferred. Address, stating salary expected. The Lumberton Bakery, Lumberton, N. C. de 29-2t*

FOR RENT—Several desirable rooms with board; privilege of phone and bath, hot and cold water. Apply at No. 7 South Fourth street. de 29-3t

LEFT on car between 905 North Fourth street and corner Front and Castle streets, lady's fur. Please return to 905 North Fourth street. de 29-1t*

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC—I wish to notify my friends and the general public that I will engage in the Real Estate and Renting business on January 1st, 1908. My long experience in the business will insure good tenants and prompt rent returns. I solicit your patronage and assure you that all business entrusted to me shall have careful and prompt attention. W. L. Burkheimer, Office No. 214 Princess street. de 29 1w*

SAME NAME, Same location, Same business. Ice cream, fruits, candies, firework, oysters any style at Candycapps. A Mavronichols. de 25 tf

BOARDING—Permanent and Transient. Best location in city. Meals to suit the business men. Strictly up to date. Harnett House, 110 Princess St Hot and cold baths. Phone No. 719. se 22-tf

WANTED—Young man who has had some experience in feeding job presses. Good opportunity to learn the trade. Address "Press" care Star office. dec 20 tf

YOUR OPPORTUNITY—A long established wholesale grocery business with excellent reputation can be purchased on easy terms. The opportunity is exceptional. Address B, Postoffice Box 163, City. no 26-tf

THE GILBERT HOUSE, corner of Front and Princess streets steam heat, electric lights, hot and cold water. Regular transient and table board. Rates by the week A. M. Gilbert. nov 5 tf

THIRTY-SECOND SERIES—The Clarendon Savings & Loan Association will open its 32nd series of stock on Saturday the 4th day of January 1908. This association has for past years opened and matured two series each year. Stock to this new series can now be obtained by applying to either of officers named below. Subscribe now and avoid the rush on the last day. D. C. Love, President; Walker Taylor, Vice President; H. McClammy, attorney; S. P. Collier, secretary.

WANTED—For U. S. Army: able bodied unmarried men between ages of 21 and 35; citizens of United States, of good character and temperate habits, who can speak, read and write English. Men wanted now for service in Cuba. For information apply to Recruiting Officer, 101 Princess st., Wilmington, N. C. au 15 to de 31

STOP! PUBLIC STENOGRAPHER, Notary Public. Correspondence, depositions, specifications, commercial and general typewriting satisfactorily performed. Court cases and conventions reported. Meares Harriss, 114 Princess Street. Office phone 708; residence phone 546. de 13-tf

FOR RENT—Two furnished rooms with privilege of bath. Hot and cold water and electric lights. Apply 501 South Front street. dec 17 tf

ACADEMY
FOR NEW YEAR'S
Wednesday, January 1st.
MATINEE AND NIGHT.
"Along the Kennebec"
Matinee Prices—25 and 50 cents.
Night Prices to 75 cents. Seats on sale Tuesday morning.
de 29-3t.

Hugh MacRae & Co.
SOUTHERN SECURITIES
Cotton Mill Stocks a Specialty
oc 10-tf

Clyde Steamship Company.
New York,
Wilmington, N. C., and
Georgetown, S. C. Lines

New York for Wilmington.
S. S. Navahoe...Friday, January 3rd
S. S. Carib, ...Friday, January 10th
Wilmington to New York.
S. S. Carib.....Saturday, January 4th
S. S. Navahoe.Saturday, January 11th
Wilmington for Georgetown.
S. S. Navahoe...Monday, January 6th
S. S. Carib.....Monday, January 13th
Both steamers have good passenger accommodations.
Through bills of lading and lowest through rates guaranteed to and from points in North and South Carolina.
For freight and passage apply to
H. G. SMALLBONES, Supt.,
Wilmington, N. C
H. E. MAYNARD, F. T. M.
H. H. RAYMOND, V. P. & G. M.
390 Broadway, New York.
General Offices, Pier 36 N. R. Brch. ja apr 15-tf

SEABOARD
Air Line Railway.
Schedule effective January 5th, 1908 Subject to change without notice.

Direct and shortest line to the principal Cities, South and Southwest, also connects at Hamlet with Vestibule Trains North.

Tickets for passage for all trains are sold by this Company and accepted by the passenger with the understanding that this Company will not be responsible for failure to run its trains on schedule time or for any such delays as may be incident to their operation. Care is exercised to give correct time of connecting lines but this Company is not responsible for errors or omissions.

Trains Arrive at Wilmington as Follows

No. 44 at 12:35 A. M. from Charlotte, Hamlet and local Stations.

No. 40 arrives 1:30 P. M. from Charlotte, connecting at Hamlet with No. 38 from Birmingham and Atlanta, No. 33 from Norfolk and Raleigh.

Trains Leave Wilmington as Follows

	No. 45	No. 39
Lv. Wilm't'n..	4:50 A. M.	4:00 P. M.
Ar Lumb't'n..	7:26 A. M.	6:55 P. M.
Ar Maxton....	8:18 A. M.	7:49 P. M.
Ar Hamlet....	9:15 A. M.	8:50 P. M.
Lv Hamlet....	9:45 A. M.	10:20 P. M.
Ar Monroe....	11:40 A. M.	12:20 A. M.
Ar Ch'lotte....	12:35 P. M.	12:35 A. M.

No. 45 connects at Hamlet with No. 66 for Raleigh and Richmond and points north. At Monroe with No. 53 for Atlanta.

No. 39 connects at Hamlet with No 41 for Atlanta, Birmingham and Charlotte, with No. 84 for Washington and New York, No. 32 for Portsmouth-Norfolk and No. 42 for Columbia, Savannah and Jacksonville.

For time-tables and any information apply to your nearest Ticket Agent or call Phone No. 1294.

J. D. EDWARDS,
Union Ticket Agent.
F. A. FETTER,
Agent.
Phone 86, Wilmington, N. C.
C. H. GATTIS,
Traveling Passenger Agent.
Raleigh, N. C.

BIG G CURES in 1 to 5 days. Guaranteed not to stricture. Prevents Contagion. THE EVANS CHEMICAL CO. CINCINNATI, O. U. S. A.
MEN AND WOMEN. Use Big G for unnatural discharges, inflammations, irritations or ulcerations of mucous membranes. Painless, and not astringent or poisonous. Sold by Druggists or sent in plain wrapper, by express, prepaid, for $1.00, or 3 bottles $2.75. Circular sent on request.

BURETT H. STEPHENS
Architect
and Consulting Engineer
408 Southern Building
dec 1 tf

OPPENHEIMER INSTITUTE
For the Treatment of Alcoholism.
W. N. HARRISS, Superintendent
de 19-1m

TO THE BEACH
Suburban Schedule
(In Effect Sunday, Oct. 13th, 1907.)
Daily Except Sunday.

Wilmington Eastbound	LEAVE Wrightsville Westbound	Beach Westbound
7:00 A M	6:25 A M	
7:30 A M	7:55 A M	7:45 A M
8:30 A M	8:25 A M	8:15 A M
10:00 A M	9:25 A M	9:15 A M
11:30 A M	10:55 A M	10:45 A M
1:00 P M	12:25 P M	12:15 P M
2:30 P M	1:55 P M	1:45 P M
3:00 P M	3:25 P M	3:15 P M
4:00 P M	4:25 P M	4:15 P M
5:30 P M	5:25 P M	5:15 P M
6:15 P M	6:25 P M	6:15 P M
7:00 P M	7:25 P M	7:15 P M
8:00 P M	7:55 P M	7:45 P M
9:30 P M	8:55 P M	8:45P M
11:00 P M	10:25 P M	10:15 P M
	11:25 P M	

Freight Schedule
Leave Wilmington 4:00 P. M. (daily except Sunday).
Freight received at Ninth and Orange from 3 to 4 P. M.

CAROLINA PLACE SCHEDULE
Cars will be operated between Front and Princess and Seventeenth and Market every 20 minutes. Leaving Front and Princess at 6:55 A. M. until 9:55 P. M.
Leaving Seventeenth and Market from 7:05 A. M. until 10:05 P. M. All Suburban cars will make regular stops at Delgado.

SUNDAY SCHEDULE.

Wilmington Eastbound	LEAVE Wrightsville Westbound	Beach Westbound
9:00 A M		
10:00 A M	9:55 A M	9:45 A M
11:30 A M	10:55 A M	10:45 A M
1:00 P M	12:25 P M	12:15 P M
2:30 P M	1:55 P M	1:45 P M
3:00 P M	3:25 P M	3:15 P M
4:00 P M	4:25 P M	4:15 P M
5:30 P M	5:25 P M	5:15 P M
6:15 P M	6:25 P M	6:15 P M
7:00 P M	7:25 P M	7:15 P M
8:00 P M	7:55 P M	7:15 P M
9:30 P M	8:55 P M	8:45 P M
11:00 P M	10:25 P M	10:15 P M
	11:25 P M	

Carolina Place Schedule.
(Sundays)
Leave Front and Princess streets every 20 minutes from 8:35 A. M. to 9:55 P. M.
Leave 17th and Market streets every 20 minutes from 8:45 A. M. to 10:05 P. M.

SPIRITS TURPENTINE

—Winston-Salem, Dec. 29.—Afey Mayberry, aged ten, was shot and seriously wounded Saturday evening on Southside, by Gurley Jackson, aged sixteen, while handling a blank cartridge pistol containing one buck shot, Jackson fired and the shot went through Mayberry's nose, lodging behind his right eye.

—Durham, N. C., Dec. 29.—A young man by the name of Rigsbee, fifteen years of age, son of George Rigsbee, a farmer, accidentally shot himself in the eastern part of this county, near the Granville county line, Saturday afternoon. The load passed through his left arm, entered the side of his head and face, making wounds that are serious. It is feared by physicians that the wounds will be fatal.

—Sylva, Dec. 30.—John C. Buchanan, of Webster, was drowned Saturday night while trying to cross the Tennessee river, two miles below Bushnell. The stream was greatly swollen by heavy rains and in the effort to ford it Mr. Buchanan was carried away in the torrent and with no help near, rescue was out of the question. The dead man was a popular traveling salesman for the Odell Hardware Company, of Greensboro.

—Fayetteville, Dec. 30.—On Saturday Constable J. Q. Goddard closed the dry goods and shoe store of M. F. Crawford, corner of Market Square and Green street, under executions amounting to $500 or $700, in favor of New York, Richmond and Lynchburg creditors. Mr. Crawford has for years been one of the most energetic and hard working merchants of Fayetteville, and his business trouble is greatly regretted.

—Fayetteville, Dec. 30.—Postoffice Inspector R. E. Buck arrived here yesterday from Sanford, where he has been engaged in unraveling postoffice robberies there. In consequence of his investigation, a young boy, J. H. Worthy, just sixteen years old, who has been a clerk in the postoffice since October 1st, was arrested and tried, charged with numerous thefts and was bound over to the Federal court. He gave the $200 bond required. He was charged with the larceny of packages containing diamonds rings, fountain pens, small sums of money and in one case a heavy solid gold engagement ring.

—Charlotte, Dec. 30.—Bob Harris, alias "Bill Bailey," a boy of tender years, with entirely too many aliases for his age, is in a cell at the police station and is satisfied. No occupant of these weird cages within recent weeks has displayed a more amiable disposition than Bill. He has taken his blanket and made of it a swing, in which he rocks and sings and talks joyfully to the other prisoners. The boy is not locked up on any serious charge. He conducted himself disorderly Saturday morning with a few of his pals and the officers put him behind the bars until he could be tried, which will be this morning. Bill seems not to care how long he makes in there his home.

—Windsor, Dec. 29.—St. Leon Scull, of the Windsor bar, has accepted the position of editor and manager of the North Carolina Odd Fellow, the first issue of which will appear the first week in January. It will be published at Goldsboro, the home town of the Odd Fellows' Orphan Home. It is given out that while the North Carolina Odd Fellow will be published under the auspices of the Grand Lodge of North Carolina and will be the official organ of the order, it will deal in secular matters in a non-partisan spirit, occupying the high ground of the public good, and will be filled with the best selections as well as original articles for pure home reading, which will carry each week into the home a journal laden with the best in journalistic literature, looking at all times to the upbuilding of the home life.

—Fayetteville Observer: Mr. A. H. Bolton, who resides on the A. & Y. railroad, near the colored cemetery, appeared before 'Squire Overby today and related an outrageous occurrence at his home a night or two ago. He said that he and his wife and children were at the supper table, when he heard some one shout from the street: "I'll be d— if I don't shoot up this house!" and then four shots followed, three of them entering the dinning room, and two balls almost striking members of his family. The third bullet struck the ceiling, and fell to the floor. Mr. Bolton picked it up and found it to be of 38 calibre. Mr. Bolton says that a certain young white man was seen to stagger from the direction of his house, very drunk, with a pistol in his hand. He is contemplating swearing out a warrant against this person.

—Charlotte Observer: Augustus Christophergen, a young man of uncommon name, but apparently common character, is wanted by local police officials for making way with a watch and ring belonging to his stepmother, who has been deserted by him and left to struggle for herself in the city. The old lady, who is a Mrs. Thompson, was left a widow three weeks ago in Wilmington, and she came here immediately after the death of her husband. This boy was then in New York and she wrote him to come and stay with her, and assist her in making a living. Christophergen arrived a few days ago and loafed around until Saturday night, when he gathered the old lady's watch, which is a sort of heirloom, and also her ring, and left for parts unknown. It is believed that he has returned to New York. Chief Christenbury wants to get on his track and will make the effort to locate him in the North, there being a slight clue as to where he may be found there.

PILES CURED IN 6 TO 14 DAYS.
PAZO OINTMENT is guaranteed to cure any case of Itching, Blind, Bleeding or Protruding Piles in 6 to 14 days or money refunded. 50c.

The Heat that Doesn't go up the Flue

You receive intense, direct heat from every ounce of fuel burned—there are no damp chimneys or long pipes to waste the heat from a

PERFECTION Oil Heater

(Equipped with Smokeless Device)

Carry it from room to room. Turn the wick high or low—no bother—no smoke—no smell—automatic smokeless device prevents. Brass font holds 4 quarts, burns 9 hours. Beautifully finished in nickel or japan. Every heater warranted.

The Rayo Lamp gives a bright, steady light to read by—just what you want for the long evenings. Made of brass, nickel plated—latest improved central draft burner. Every lamp warranted.

If your dealer cannot supply the Perfection Oil Heater or Rayo Lamp write our nearest agency.

STANDARD OIL COMPANY
(Incorporated)

New Toys and Dolls

On Display This Week at

GAYLORD'S
DEPARTMENT STORE

FIRE WORKS

For XMAS GOODS Go to GAYLORD'S

Baby Carriages at GAYLORD'S

Wholesale and Retail DOLLS AND TOYS

GEO. O. GAYLORD
DEPARTMENT STORE

dec 8 tf

Ask

The 80 Per Cent of Auto Owners That Trade Solely With

PLATT & COMPANY

Why They Do It

Purcell Ave.

dec 24 tf

Seasonable Goods

Cocoanuts, Mixed Nuts, Raisins. Apples, Etc. Bagging and Ties.

A Full Line of Heavy Groceries.

Hall & Pearsall,
INC.

nov 23 tf

FOR CHRISTMAS PRESENTS GO TO

HAMME, THE HATTER
AND CLOTHIER.

A beautiful line of Gents Furnishings, Gloves Ties, Suspenders, Hats, Clothing and Jewelry.

24 North Front St.

dect 15 tf

MAKE HAY....

and let us Sell you a

HAY PRESS.

to be worked by horse power, making neat small bales. Bagging and Ties, are going to be in good demand and you should buy now.

Full stock Heavy Groceries.

The Worth Co.

Coal Lime

W. B. THORPE & CO., Inc.

WOOD WOOD WOOD

Oak, Black Jack and Pine, Cut for stoves.

"Lightwood Blocks."
"Mid-way" Lumps.

The best Coal for Grates.
Building Material.

Lime, Cement, Wall Plaster, etc.

Wood Cement

dec 1 tf

XMAS HOLIDAY RATES VIA SEABOARD.

The Seaboard announces low Xmas and New Year Holiday rates of one and one-third first class fares plus 25 cents, based on rates effective prior to July 1st 1907. Tickets to be sold December 20th to 25th inclusive and December 30th, 31st and January 1st with final return limit January 6th.

For rates and time tables apply to the undersigned.

C. H. GATTIS,
Traveling Passenger Agent,
dec 12 to jan 1 Raleigh, N. C.

The Jones House.
Atkinson, N. C.

is Now Open for the Patronage of the Public

Board by the Day, Week or Month

Special Attention to Traveling men Rates, Reasonable.

MRS. J. B. JONES, Prop.

COMMISSIONER'S SALE

By virtue of a decree of the Superior Court of New Hanover County made in the cause of Ralph M. Harrelson, Administrator of Joseph Todd, deceased, versus Helen M. Todd et al, the undersigned Commissioner appointed by said decree will sell, to the highest bidder, for cash, at public auction, on Saturday, January 25th, 1908, at twelve o'clock M., at the Court House door of said County, in the City of Wilmington, the following described lot of land in said City: Beginning in the Eastern line of Ninth street 154 feet South of the Southern line of Castle street; runs thence Southwardly along Ninth street 44 1-2 feet; thence Eastwardly parallel with Castle street 70 feet; thence Northwardly 44 1-2 feet; thence Westwardly 70 feet to the beginning, being part of Lots 1, 2 and 3 Block 81.

WM. M. BELLAMY,
dec 25 30d Commissioner.

STATEMENT

Report of the Condition of THE ATLANTIC NATIONAL BANK, at Wilmington in the State of North Carolina, at the Close of Business, December 3rd, 1907.

RESOURCES.

Loans and Discounts		$ 669,720.86
Overdrafts, secured and unsecured		1,254 21
U. S. Bonds to secure circulation		125,000 00
U. S. Bonds to secure U. S. Deposits		50,000 00
Bonds, securties, etc		149,100 00
Banking House Furniture and fixtures		20,000 00
Due from National Banks (not reserve agents)		117,316 74
Due from State Banks and bankers		70,916 15
Due from approved reserve agents		48,125 63
Checks and other cash items		907 46
Notes of other National Banks		15,485 00
Fractional paper currency, nickels, and cents		2,518 58
Lawful Money Reserve in Bank, viz:		
Specie	$84,740 75	
Legal tender notes	61,860 00	146,600 75
Redemption fund with U. S. Treasurer (5 per cent of circulation)		7,064 47
Total		$1,424,009 85

LIABILITIES.

Captital stock paid in	$ 125,000 00
Surplus fund	125,000 00
Undivided profits, less expenses and taxes paid	92,062 33
National Bank notes outstanding	125,000 00
Due to other national Banks	66,119 03
Due to State Banks and Bankers	107,089 94
Dividends unpaid	873 00
Individual deposits subject to check	721,600 30
Certified checks	40 00
Cashier's checks outstanding	11,225 25
United States deposits	50,000 00
Total	$1,424,009 85

State of North Carolina,
County of New Hanover.

I J. W. Yates, Cashier of the above named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

J. W. YATES,
Cashier.

Subscribed and sworn to before me, this 4th day of December, 1907.

W. C. ARMSTRONG,
Notary Public.

Correct Attest:

D. McEACHERN,
WM. E. WORTH,
C. W. YATES,
dec 5 tf Directors.

Medium Size F. F. V. HAMS

J. Hargrove Taylor

131 MARKET ST. GROCER.
no 22-tf Phone 1052.

FRUIT!

Chocolate Layer
Cocoanut Layer
and
A Full Line of Small Cakes.

E. Warren & Son
Bakery Department
Phone 376

dec 21 tf

Economize

by making one gift do for the whole family. The one gift that will answer this purpose is the installation of electric lights in your home. Let us give you an estimate. If you have lights already you might buy an electric portable or pretty fixture. We have also gas portables, medical batteries, Christmas tree lights, toy motors and electric flash lights.

SOUTHERN ELECTRIC COMPANY
No. 215 Princess Street.

dec 8 tf

Atlantic Coast Line

Schedule in Effect November 17, 1907

NOTICE.

The arrivals and departures are given as information, as well as connections with other companies; but arrivals and connections are not guaranteed.

NORTHBOUND.

	No. 42.	No. 48.
Lv. Wilmington	9.40 am	7.00 pm
Ar. Goldsboro	12:50 pm	9:55 pm
Ar Rocky Mount	3:55 pm	11:40 pm
Ar. Weldon	4:55 pm	3:42 am
Ar. Norfolk	8:30 pm	
Ar. Wilson	1:58 pm	10:52 pm
Ar. Petersburg	7:05 pm	5:38 am
Ar. Richmond	8:00 pm	6:25 am
Ar. Washington	11:50 pm	10:05 am
Ar. Baltimore	1:43 am	11:20 am
Ar. Philadelphia	4:25 am	1:41 pm
Ar. New York	7:23 am	4:15 pm

SOUTHBOUND.

	No. 41.	No. 43.
Lv. New York	9:25 am	9:25 pm
Ar. Philadelphia	11:55 am	12:15 am
Ar. Baltimore	2:15 pm	2:46 am
Ar Washington	3:45 pm	4:20 am
Lv. Norfolk		8:30 am
Lv. Richmond	7:25 pm	8:15 am
Ar. Petersburg	8:05 pm	9:03 am
Ar. Weldon	9:59 pm	11:28 am
Ar. Rocky Mount	11:03 pm	12:55 pm
Ar. Wilson	11:50 pm	1:59 pm
Ar. Goldsboro	6.15 am	3.12 pm
Ar. Wilmington	9.35 am	6.10 pm

BETWEEN ILMINGTON AND THE SOUTH.

SOUTHBOUND.

	Daily.	Daily.	Daily.
Lv. Wil't'n	5:15 am	3:35 pm	7:00 pm
Ar. Flor.	9:05 am	7:30 pm	4:30 am
Ar. Col'bia	12:25 pm	11:10 pm	am
Ar. Ch'st'n	1:10 pm	11:37 pm	7:30 am
Ar. Sav'n	6:55 pm	2:45 am	9:54 am
Ar. J'k'ville		9:00 am	2:20 pm
Ar. Tampa		7:15 pm	11:00 pm

NORTHBOUND.

	Daily.	Daily.
Lv. Tampa	9:00 pm	10:20 am
Lv. Jacksonville	9:30 am	7:35 pm
Ar. Savannah	1:41 pm	11:59 am
Lv. Charleston	6:12 pm	5:20 am
Lv. Columbia	4:30 pm	8:00 am
Ar. Florence	7:14 pm	8:55 am
Ar. Wilmington	1:10 am	1:20 pm

BETWEEN WILMINGTON AND SANFORD.

	Westbound. Daily.	Eastbound. Daily.
Lv. Wilmington	8:40 am	Ar. 8:15 pm
Lv. Fayetteville	12:10 pm	Ar. 4:55 pm
Ar. Sanford	1:40 pm	Lv. 3:40 pm

BETWEEN WILMINGTON AND NEW BERN.

DAILY EXCEPT SUNDAY.

	Northbound.	Southbound.
Lv. Wilmington	3:20 pm	1:00 pm
Ar. Newbern	7:00 pm	Lv. 9:25 am

Trains No. 42 and 41 carry Pullman Sleeping Cars between Wilmington and Washington, connecting with Pennsylvania R. R., for all points east.

Trains No. 48 and 49 carry Pullman Parlor Cars between Wilmington and Norfolk.

Trains No. 55 and 50 carry Pullman Sleeper between Wilmington and Columbia.

T. C. WHITE,
General Passenger Agent.
W. J. CRAIG,
Passenger Traffic Manager.

To the Trade:

We wish you a very Merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

D. L. GORE COMPANY

dec 25 tf

THE COUNTRY GENTLEMAN ESTABLISHED 1831

The ONLY Agricultural NEWSpaper,
AND ADMITTEDLY THE
Leading Agricultural Journal of the World.

Every department written by specialists, the highest authorities in their respective lines.

No other paper pretends to compare with it in qualifications of editorial staff.

Gives the agricultural NEWS with a degree of completeness not even attempted by others.

INDISPENSABLE TO
ALL COUNTRY RESIDENTS
WHO WISH TO
KEEP UP WITH THE TIMES.

Single Subscription, $1.50;
Two Subscriptions, $2.50;
Five Subscriptions, $5.50.

SPECIAL INDUCEMENTS to RAISERS OF LARGER CLUBS.

Four Months' Trial Trip 50 cents.

SPECIMEN COPIES

will be mailed free on request. It will pay anybody interested in any way in country life to send for them. Address the publishers:

LUTHER TUCKER & SON,
Albany, N. Y.

☞ Subscriptions taken at this office.

Read the Business Locals

COMMERCIAL

WILMINGTON MARKETS.

STAR OFFICE, Dec. 30.

SPIRITS TURPENTINE—Market steady 39 1-2.

ROSIN—Market, steady $2.60.

TAR—Market, nothing doing.

CRUDE TURPENTINE — Market firm $2.00 per barrel for hard, $3.00 for dip and $3.00 for virgin.

Quotations same day last year—Spirits turpentine nothing doing; rosin nothing doing; tar firm $2.35; crude turpentine, $3.35; $4.50 and $4.50.

RECEIPTS.

Spirits Turpentine	7
Rosin	329
Tar	53
Crude Turpentine	34

Receipts—Same day last year 11 casks spirits turpentine; 177 barrels rosin; 58 barrels tar; 16 barrels crude turpentine.

COTTON MARKET.

Market—Steady at 10 13-16 cents for middling.

Same day last year—Steady 9 3-4 cents for middling.

Receipts—2,785 bales, same day last year 285 bales.

PRODUCE MARKET.

PEANUTS—North Carolina Prime 80c, extra prime, 85c; fancy, 90c per bushel of 28 pounds; Virginia—No. 1, 60c; fancy 65@66c; Spanish, 85@90c.

CORN—Firm, 80@82 1-2 per bushel for white; 78@80 for mixed.

N. C. BACON—Steady; hams, 17c per pound; shoulders 12 1-2@13; sides dull, 12 1-2@13c.

EGGS—Dull at 25c. per dozen.

CHICKENS—Dull at 15@30c. for large springs; growns, firm, 30@35c.

BEESWAX—Firm at 24c.

TALLOW—Firm at 4 1-2@5c. per per pound.

BEEF CATTLE—Dull at 2 to 3 1-2 per pound on foot.

HIDES—Dry flint, 8 to 9c; green 4 to 5c per pound.

PORK—Firm at 7@10c. per pound.

TURKEYS—Firm at 15c on foot; 18@20c. dressed.

SWEET POTATOES—Firm at 65@70c per bushel.

CHEESE—Firm, 60@70c per head.

COW PEAS — $1.40@$1.50 per bushel; white peas, $2.50 to $2.75 per bushel.

WOOL—Firm at 23@24c per pound.

THE COTTON MARKET

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

New York, Dec. 30.—The feature in the cotton market today was the January notices, which caused considerable activity and the stopping of which was followed by a sharp advance in prices. The close was steady at a net advance of 17 to 26 points. Sales were estimated at 350,000 bales.

The market opened firm but very irregular at a decline of 6 points to an advance of 15 points. The near months were lower owing to reports that notices representing about 50,000 bales had been issued on January contracts, but as January sold up from 10.30 to 10.42 during the first few minutes, indications were that the weak interest in January had been liquidated and that the notices were being promptly stopped. This view influenced the later positions on the call and shortly after the opening all the active months were selling 18 to 20 points higher as a result of covering and bull support. During the middle of the day the market reacted several points from the top and ruled quiet but became more active again toward the close, when the near months were particularly firm on reports of higher spot markets in the South and last prices were within a point or two of the best level for the day. In the late session, January sold within 17 points of March, whereas January was 27 points under March at the close last week. It was reported that the spot houses, commonly referred to as the December bull clique, had both issued and stopped the January notices and there was a rumor that the cotton was to be shipped out to Liverpool. Aside from the notices there was little features to the news and trading was largely local.

Receipts at the ports today, 77,915 bales against 48,490 last week and 77,237 last year. Receipts for the week, 340,000 bales against 354,341 last week and 314,492 last year. Today's receipts at New Orleans, 22,861 bales against 27,841 last year.

Spot closed quiet, middling uplands 11.80; middling gulf 12.05; sales 900 bales.

Futures opened firm and closed steady.

December	11.00	11.30
January	10.30	10.60
February	10.50	10.67
March	10.63	10.78
April	b10.67	10.80
May	10.73	10.84
June		10.74
July	10.84	10.81
August	10.63	10.66
September	10.50	

PORT MOVEMENT.

Galveston—Firm, 11 1-2; Net receipts 20,587.

New Orleans—Firm, 11 1-4; Net receipts 2,286.

Mobile—Steady, 11; Net receipts 1,098.

Savannah—Steady, 10 11-16; Net receipts 6,637.

Charleston—Quiet, 10 3-4; Net receipts 551.

Wilmington—Steady, 10 13-16; Net receipts 2,785.

Norfolk—Steady, 11 1-8; Net receipts 5,276.

Baltimore—Nominal, 11 1-4.

New York—Quiet, 11.80.

Boston—Quiet, 11.80; Net receipts 50.

Philadelphia—Steady, 12.05; Net receipts 75.

Total today, at all ports, Net 77,915; Great Britain 18,069; France 20,933; Continent 29,514; Japan 12,045; Stock 1,031,119.

Consolidated, at all ports, Net 134,652; Great Britain 51,802; France 41,333; Continent 46,311; Japan 12.045.

Total since Sept. 1, at all ports, Net 4,937,712; Great Britain 1,577,013; France 468,370; Continent 1,586,205; Japan 73,289; Mexico 1,020.

Interior Movement.

Houston—Steady, 11 1-2; Net receipts 9,202.

Augusta—Quiet, 11 1-16; Net receipts 632.

Memphis—Steady, 11 3-8; Net receipts 3,311.

St. Louis—Dull, 11 1-2; Net receipts 190.

Cincinnati—Net receipts 1,247.

Louisville—Firm, 11 3-8.

Little Rock—Firm, 11 3-4; Net receipts 1,970.

Total today—Net receipts 16,552; Gross receipts 20,719; Shipments 20,675; Sales 3,151; Stock 308,225.

Try them for lunch and you will have them for dinner.

Uneeda Biscuit

The most nutritious staple made from wheat.

5¢ In moisture and dust proof packages.

NATIONAL BISCUIT COMPANY

LIVERPOOL MARKET.

(By Cable to The Morning Star.)

Liverpool, Dec. 30.—Cotton: Spot moderate tone, prices one point higher. American middling, fair, 6.75; good middling, 6.39; middling, 6.13; low middling, 5.79; good ordinary, 5.37; ordinary, 4.87.

The sales of the day were 7,000 bales of which 500 were for speculation and export and included 6,900 American. Receipts 26,000 bales including 20,000. Futures opened steady and closed steady, American middling G. O. C.: December, 5.71 1-2; December and January, 5.71; January and February 5.72; February and March 5.73; March and April 5.75; April and May, 5.76; May and June, 5.77; June and July, 5.6 1-2; July and August, 5.74; August and September 5.66; September and October 5.66; October and November 5.46.

DRY GOODS MARKET.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

New York, Dec. 30.—The dry goods market was quiet and almost dull for the day. Buyers are looking only for small lots. The tone is better than it has been in-so-far as financial affairs affect the trade.

NEW YORK STOCK MARKET.

(By Wire to The Morning Star.)

New York, Dec. 30.—The eventful financial year drew towards its close with activity in stocks today, under the restraint of seasonable circumstances. Call money rates went higher but the advance was not so violent as had been feared. The extent of the actual calling of loans seemed to be small.

A complicating factor in the money market was the notice from the Secretary of the Treasury to the National Banks in New York that they would be expected to pay over 10 per cent. of the government deposits held, in daily installments covering the next ten days. There is a growth of confidence in the rate of improvement in the money situation which is to be expected after New Year's. The action of the day's call loan market gave some feeling of assurance that even the temporary needs of the yearly settlements might be passed without notable disturbance of the money rate. An incident of the day was some increased offerings of funds in the time money market although the increase was not sufficient to altar materially the almost dormant state of that department.

The day's gains were fully retained at the closing.

Bonds were firm. Total sales, par value, $2,722,000. United States bonds, 2s declined 1-2 per cent. on call.

Total sales of stocks today were 373,900 shares.

FINANCIAL MARKET.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

New York, Dec. 30.—Money on call firm, 5 to 20 per cent.; ruling rate 18; closing offered at 20 per cent. Time loans strong; sixty days, 6 to 10 and ninety days, 8 per cent.; six months 6 to 8 per cent. Prime mercantile paper 8 to 10 per cent. Sterling exchange weak, with actual business in bankers' bills at 4.8410 to 4.8415 for demand, and at 4.79 for sixty day bills. Commercial bills 4.77; Bar silver 52 3-4; Mexican dollars 40 3-4.

New York Bonds.

U. S. refunding 2s reg	104 1-2
U. S. Refunding 2s cou	105 1-2
U. S. 3s reg	101 1-2
U. S. 3s cou	101 1-2
U. S. new 4s reg	119
U. S. new 4s cou	119
American Tobacco Co. 4s	60 1-2
American Tobacco Co. 6s	95 1-2
Atlantic Coast Line 4s	87
Baltimore & Ohio 4s	96 1-4
L. & N. Unified 4s	95 1-2
Seaboard Air Line 4s	64 1-2
Southern Railway 5s	96 1-4
U. S. Steel 5s	85 7-8

Closing Stock List.

Amalgamated Copper	48
American Car Foundry	31 1-4
Amr. Car Foundry pfd	83 3-4
American Cotton Oil Co	28
Amr. Cotton Oil Co. pfd	70@85
American Locomotive	35
American Smelting & Ref	71 3-4
Amr. Smelting & Ref pfd	92
American Sugar Refining	100 3-4
Amr. Tobacco pfd cert	71 3-4
Atchison	71 5-8
Atchison pfd	86 3-4
Atlantic Coast Line	69
Baltimore & Ohio	82
Baltimore & Ohio pfd	75 1-2
Chesapeake & Ohio	30 3-8
Kansas City Southern	23 1-2
Kansas City Southern pfd	52 1-2
L. & N.	93 1-2
New York Central	91 3-4
Norfolk & Western	63 3-4
Norfolk & Western pfd	70
Pennsylvania	110 5-8
People's Gas	79 1-2
Reading	96 1-2
Reading 2nd pfd	75
Rock Island Co.	15 3-8
Rock Island Co. pfd	28 1-2
Southern Pacific	74 3-4
Southern Pacific pfd	110 1-2
Southern Railway	13
Southern Railway pfd	36
Tenn., Coal & Iron	95
U. S. Steel	26 3-8
U. S. Steel pfd	87 3-4
Va.-Car. Chemical	16 1-2
Va.-Car. Chemical pfd	87
Seaboard Air Line	
Seaboard Air Line pfd	
Standard Oil	440
Western Union	57 1-2

NEW YORK PRODUCE MARKET.

(By Wire to The Morning Star.)

New York, Dec. 30.—Flour dull and unchanged.

Rye flour—Quiet.

Buckwheat flour—Steady, 3.00 per 100 pounds.

Corn meal—Steady.

Wheat—Spot weak; No. 2 red 1.04 7-8 elevator. Options 2 3-8 to 3 1-8 decline. December 1.05 7-8; May 1.11 3-8; July 1.04 1-8.

Corn—Spot easy; No. 2, 73 1-2 elevator. Options 3-8c lower except December, which was up 3c on manipulation. December 77; May 68 3-8.

Oats—Spot steady; mixed 54.

Lard—Easy; western prime 8.00 to 8.10.

Pork—Easy; family 17.50 to 18.00.

Tallow—Firm; city ($2 per package) 5 1-2.

Rice—Quiet.

Molasses—Steady.

Sugar—Raw firm; fair refining 3.30 to 3.35; centrifugal 96 test 3.85; molasses sugar 3.00 to 3.05; refined steady.

Coffee—Spot steady; Rio No. 7, 6 1-16; Santos No. 4, 8 Mild coffee, quiet; Cordova 9 1-2 to 13. Futures at a net advance of 5 to 10 points.

Butter—Steady; creamery specials 30; extra 29 to 29 1-2; third to first 21 to 28; held, second to specials 22 to 28; state dairy common to finest 20 to 28; process common to special 15 to 23; Western factory, common to first 15 to 20; imitation creamery 20 to 21.

Cheese—Quiet; full cream, small and large, colored and white 9 1-2 to 15 3-4; skims 10 to 11.

Eggs—Firmer; nearby selected white 32 to 34; good to choice 27 to 30; brown and mixed fancy 27 to 28; firsts 25 to 26.

Freights to Liverpool—Quiet and steady; Cotton by steam 20c; grain by steam 2 1-4.

Peanuts—Quiet; fancy handpicked 5; other domestic 3 to 7 1-4.

Potatoes—Easy; Bermuda second crop per barrel 3 to 5; Long Island 2.25 to 2.50; Maine per sack 1.75 to 2.10; Jersey sweets per barrel 2.50 to 3.50; Southern 2.00 to 3.00.

Cabbages—Weak; Danish seed per ton $9 to $12; Domestic $6 to $7; red per barrel 1.25 to 1.50.

Cotton seed oil was steady with trading quiet; prime crude 29; prime summer yellow 36 1-2; off summer yellow 35 1-4 to 36 1-4; good off summer yellow 34 1-2 to 36 1-4; prime white 37 to 39 1-2; prime winter yellow 43 3-4 to 45.

CHICAGO PRODUCE MARKET.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

Chicago, Dec. 30.—The price of wheat for May delivery broke more than three cents today because of heavy selling by holders. The net decline for the day was 2 3-4 to 2 7-8c. Corn was down 3-8 to 1-2. Oats were 3-8c lower. Provisions were unchanged to 5c lower.

Leading Futures closed as follows:

Wheat—December, 98 3-4; May, 1.04 7-8 to 1.05; July, 97 5-8.

Corn—December, 55 3-8; May, 59 1-4 to 3-8; July, 58 1-4.

Oats—May, old, 54; May, new, 52 1-4; July, old, 48; July, new,46 1-8.

Mess pork, per barrel—January, 12.45; May, 13.12 1-2.

Lard, per 100 pounds—January, 7.65; May, 7.85.

Short ribs, per 100 pounds—January, 6.67 1-2; May, 7.10.

Cash Quotations were as follows:

Flour—Steady.

No. 2 spring wheat—1.07 to 1.12; No. 3, 98 to 1.10; No. 2 red 98 3-4 to 1.01 1-8.

No. 2 corn—58 1-2; No 2 yellow 62 1-2 to 63.

No. 2 oats—48 3-8; No. 3 white 47 1-2 to 50 3-4.

Short Ribs, Sides, (loose)—6.50 to 7.00.

Mess Pork, per bbl.—12.00 to 12.12 1-2.

Lard, per 100 lbs.—7.67 1-2 to 7.70.

Short Clear Sides (boxed)—6.87 1-2 to 7.12 1-2.

Whiskey, basis of high wines—1.35.

NAVAL STORES.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

New York, Dec. 30.—Rosin quiet, strained common to good 3.20, turpentine quiet.

Savannah, Ga., Dec. 30.—Turpentine firm, 40 1-4; sales, 630; receipts, 735; shipments 1,064.

Rosin, firm; sales, 1,744; receipts, 2,908; shipments, 3,785; stocks, 115,463.

Quote: A. B. C., 2.70 to 2.75; D, 2.70 to 2.75; E, 2.70 to 2.75; F, 2.75 to 2.82 1-2; G, 2.75 to 2.85; H, 2.85 to 2.90; I, 3.50; K, 4.50; M,5.25; N, 5.65; WG, 5.75; WW, 5.75.

Charleston, Dec. 30.—Turpentine and rosin nothing doing. Quotations omitted.

MARINE

ARRIVED.

Tug Standard, towing Standard Oil Barge No. 94, New York via Charleston, S. C., Standard Oil Co.

Ger. Str. Hermine Hessenmuller, 1,923 tons, Hamburg, Heide & Co.

Steamer Carib, Rich, New York, H. G. Smallbones.

CLEARED.

Br. Str. Dacre Hill, Kendall, Bremen, Alexander Sprunt & Son.

Exports—Foreign.

Bremen—Br. Str. Dacre Hill, 10,687 bales cotton valued at $640,000; cargo and vessl by Alexander Sprunt & Son.

BY RIVER AND RAIL.

Receipts of Naval Stores and Cotton Yesterday.

Wilmington, N. C., Dec. 30, 1907.

C. C. Railroad—186 bales cotton, 42 barrels tar.

W. & W. Railroad—248 bales cotton, 1 cask spirits turpentine, 9 barrels rosin.

W., C. & A. Railroad—2,109 bales cotton, 5 casks spirits turpentine, 4 barrels rosin, 11 barrels tar, 28 barrels crude turpentine.

A. & Y. Railroad—121 bales cotton, 115 barrels rosin.

W. & N. Railroad—119 bales cotton, 12 barrels rosin.

Str. Whitlock—2 bales cotton, 1 cask spirits turpentine, 189 barrels rosin, 6 barrels crude turpentine.

Total—2,785 bales cotton, 7 casks spirits turpentine, 329 barrels rosin, 53 barrels tar, 34 barrels crude turpentine.

MARINE DIRECTORY.

List of Vessels Now in Port at Wilmington, N. C.

Steamers.

Daleby (Br.), 2,353 tons, Ramsey, Alexander Sprunt & Son.

Silver Wings (Br.) 1,826 tons, Morgan, Alexander Sprunt & Son.

Arroyo (Br.), 2,307 tons, Plough, Alexander Sprunt & Son.

Byglands, (Nor.) 1,640 tons, Olsen, C. D. Maffitt.

Lord Derby, (Br.), 2,401 tons, Glasson, Alexander Sprunt & Son.

Sierra Blanca (Br.) 2,338 tons, Gruchy Alexander Sprunt & Son.

Schooners.

Admiral (Br.), 83 tons, Pearce, Springer Coal Co.

Massachusetts, 437 tons, Lane, C. D. Maffitt.

John M. Brown, 270 tons, Stevens, C. D. Maffitt.

Howard B. Peck, 448 tons, Dodd, C. D. Maffitt.

Evelyn (Br.) 287 tons, Capt. Berry, C. D. Maffitt.

TO PREVENT THE GRIP

LAXATIVE BROMO QUININE removes the cause. To get the genuine, call for full name and look for signature of E. W. GROVE, 25c.

If you want Cigars for Xmas Present buy

"Victor Hugos"

Brands. We carry them for the dealers. Nothing superior made. In our whole business life we have never found anything superior.

F. E. HASHAGEN CO.

CIGAR DEALERS.

dec 29 tf

GUION & DAVIS,

Barbers and Hair Dressers.

Are still at the old stand, No. 7 South Front street, where they are prepared, as usual, to serve the public in the best style. Everything necessary to the comfort and complete satisfaction of our patrons.

Christmas Gifts

For Gentlemen

What is nicer for a gentleman than a Stein-Bloch Suit or Rain Coat, a Fancy Vest, a swell Tie, a nobby Hat, a pair of Gloves, a Silk Muffler, a pair of Suspenders, an Umbrella, or a Suit Case? All of the above we have in great variety and at moderate prices. When down town shopping be sure and call at this new store.

J. W. FLEET CO.

Phone 673. No. 7 N. Front St.

Our store will be open until 10 o'clock every night during the holidays.

dec 17 tf

HOLIDAY GOODS!

PANIC PRICES!!

Our Mr. Cole has just returned from the New York market; with the ready money he applied his experience to the panicky conditions and, as a result, we are daily receiving a line of Holiday Serviceables that cannot be equalled in variety, quality and cheapness in Wilmington.

If a buyer, a prospective buyer or an admirer of pretty furniture, you are cordially invited to call and see our goods. It is a pleasure to show them.

Parlor, Hall, Library, Bed Room and Dining Room Furniture.

We have some extra specials in Rockers, Ladies' Desks, China Cabinets, Buffets, Leather Couches, Leather Chairs and Art Squares, odd dressers and Chiffoniers in Birds Eye, Mahogany and Oak.

THE WILMINGTON FURNITURE CO.

126-128 Princess Street.

Garrell Building.

dec 1 tf

THE C. W. POLVOGT COMPANY

"The Store That's Always Busy"

This Is the Week

WHEN READY MONEY TALKS

OUR FURS REDUCED.

OUR CLOAKS REDUCED.

OUR COAT SUITS REDUCED.

OUR BLANKETS REDUCED.

OUR COMFORTABLES REDUCED.

OUR CHRISTMAS REDUCED.

Ready money will talk if spent with us this week. We have reduced the above before we announce our Clearance Sale. It will pay you to visit these departments..

At Half Price

We have on hand about twenty-four pattern hats to close out at half price. See what $4.00, $5.00, $6.00 and upwards will buy in millinery.

Hair ornaments made for Dances and Parties.

Reduced prices in Carpets, Art Squares, Rugs, Mattings and Window Shades.

We give Southern TradingStamps.

The C. W. POLVOGT COMPANY

dec 28 tf

DRUCE'S GRAVE WAS OPENED

Coffin Was Found Intact And It Contained Remains of An Elderly Bearded Man.

BIG SCANDAL EXPLODED

American's Yarn That He Buried Two Hundred Pounds of Lead Discredited—He's in New York But on Bail.

(By Cable to the Morning Star.)

London, Dec. 30.—The body of Thomas Charles Druce, in Highgate Cemetery was exhumed this morning just 43 years to a day after its burial. The coffin was found to contain the remains of a human body, this exploding the romantic tale told by Robert C. Caldwell and others, during the recent hearing of the Druce perjury case, that it contained a roll of lead.

The official statement given out by the home office and others officially present at the exhumation, seems effectively to prove that the body buried in 1864 was actually that of T. C. Druce. The authorized statement follows:

"The coffin was opened and found to contain the body of an aged, bearded man; the plate on the coffin bore the name Thomas Charles Druce."

The scene at Highgate Cemetery this morning when the vault was opened was remarkable. All the entrances to the cemetery were surrounded by cordons of police. Only those persons who had passes from the home office were admitted to the grounds. George Hollamby Druce, who claims he is the rightful heir to the Portland Dukedom, and to its vast estate, tried unsuccessfully twice to get into the cemetery.

The operations began at daybreak with the removal of the topmost coffins in the vault, containing the bodies of the wife and a son of T. C. Druce. It was nearly half past eleven before the coffin sought was brought forth ready for opening and inspection. The top was quickly unscrewed and the inner casing of lead cut open. There was no need for the dictum of the eminent surgeon, Augustus J. Pepper to assure all present that human remains lay in the coffin.

The Druce vault has thus given up its secret after ten years of legal proceedings which have cost a considerable fortune. A large part of this money was obtained from servant girls and other workers who were induced to buy shares in a company formed to prosecute the claims of George Hollamby Druce, aaginst the estate of the Duke of Portland.

The charge of perjury against Herbert Druce is effectively disposed of and those persons who have sworn to the placing of lead instead of a human body in the coffin have been discredited.

PRESIDENT IS BACK.

Arrived in Washington Shortly Before Nine O'clock Last Night.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

Washington, Dec. 30.—Looking the picture of health and with every appearance of having enjoyed his outing of five days at Pine Knot, Va., where Mrs. Roosevelt has a cottage, President Roosevelt arrived here tonight at 8:50 o'clock over the Southern Railway. The party came in a special train which made the run from North Garden, the railway station nearest Pine Knot, without mishap, having left there at 5:30.

After assisting Mrs. Roosevelt to the platform, the President conversed a few moments with those who had gathered around his car. There were neither railroad officials or the police guard detailed for the occasion.

One member of the party laughingly inquired of the President if he had bagged any big game. "Oh I didn't go after any" was the quick response. "I just took the children to the country for an outing. We all enjoyed ourselves immensely."

Soon afterward he was being driven to the White House where he arrived a few minutes after nine.

COMPLAINTS ARE MADE.

More Railroads Are Charged With Discrimination in Their Rates.

(By Wire to The Morning Star.)

Washington, Dec. 30.—Unlawful and unjust discrimination in the matter of furnishing cars for the transportation of coal and unreasonable charges with such transportation are the principal allegations of a complaint with the Inter-State Commerce Commission today, by the Black Mountain Coal Land Company of Bristol, Tenn., and several coal and coke companies of Lee County, Virginia against the Southern Railway company, the Virginian and Southwestern Railway company and the Black Mountain Railway company.

It is asserted in the petition that greater facilities are furnished by the defendant lines to the Virginia Iron, Coal and Coke Company than to the complainants and that the complainants are unfairly discriminated against in favor of other concerns.

The funeral of Mrs. Letitia Tyler Semple, daughter of President John Tyler and once mistress of the White House was held yesterday morning at the Louise Home where she passed the later years of her life. The body was taken to Richmond and thence to Williamsburg, where the interment will be made today at Cedar Grove, the ancestral home of the Tylers. Rev. Dr. Tyler will read the committal service at the grave.

NOW IT'S A MRS. YOUNG

Another Identification is Made of the Dead Girl Found in a Swamp Near Harrison, New Jersey.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

New York, Dec. 30.—Some light was thrown today on the mystery surrounding the death of the woman whose nude body was found last Thursday, half hidden in the muddy ooze of a pond near Harrison, N. J., when Mrs. Frank Hull of this city went to the Newark morgue and declared positively that the dead woman was Mrs. Agnes Young, who formerly lived with her and later with a Mrs. King in Brooklyn.

The police believe that Mrs. Hull's identification is correct.

Mrs. Hull said that she went to Jersey City with Mrs. Young on Christmas day.

Following luncheon she parted with her companion, who, she understood, was going on to Newark to join a houseboat party.

When Mrs. Hull learned of the murder through the newspapers and saw that the description of the dead woman seemed to fit her friend, she informed the police that she believed that the murdered woman was Mrs. Young, who had been employed at one time as a stenographer and typewriter in a westside hotel. She said that Mrs. Young was the wife of an engineer, but that she had not lived with her husband for several years.

Mrs. Hull said that when they left Mrs. King's home on Christmas morning, Mrs. Young had $300 in her purse and wore a diamond ring. On their arrival at Jersey City they were met by a man whom she named, with whom they had luncheon. When the luncheon party broke Mrs. Hull returned to this city.

TEXAS BANK CLOSED

And When it Went Under, Two Mercantile Houses Did the Same.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

Tyler, Texas, Dec. 30.—The Harris Exchange Bank, the only private bank in this city failed to open its doors for business today.

In a posted notice the management states that on November 1, last it owed to depositors over $225,000, that since that date a steady run has been made on the bank and that inability to realize on securities forced it to place its business in the hands of a bankrupt court and says it owes over four hundred depositors $100,000, with assets of $81,000.

The Tyler Novelty Company and the Tyler Paper Company, two mercantile enterprises owned and controlled by the bank, have also closed their doors and have been placed in the hands of a receiver.

NO WOMEN TO BE PRESENT

Except Members of Thaw's Family and Reporters at His Next Trial.

(By Wire to The Morning Star.)

New York, Dec. 30.—All women, except members of Thaw's family and the women reporters, will be excluded from the court room during the second trial of Harry Thaw, under an order issued by Justice Dowling today.

Thaw's trial will begin next Monday.

The reason given for this order is that the seating capacity of the court room has been reduced greatly since the first trial and will now accommodate only about 150 spectators.

Justice Dowling said he was determined to prevent a recurrence of the annoyance caused at the last trial by women, moved by morbid curiosity, who made use of every means to secure admission.

STORM IS RAGING.

At Norfolk Considerable Damage Is Done to Property and wire.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

Norfolk, Va., Dec. 30.—A fierce storm is raging in Norfolk and over the Atlantic Coast of Virginia and North Carolina tonight. The city is in partial darkness, and considerable minor damage done to property. Several large plate glass windows were smashed. The wind is blowing forty miles an hour in the city and sixty on the coast.

The wires to Cape Henry and the life stations are all down and conditions along the coast cannot be learned definitely. It is feared that damage has been done to shipping interests.

SALOONS ARE CLOSING.

There is a Slight Technicality in Law But No Trouble is Feared.

(By Wire to The Morning Star.)

Atlanta, Ga., Dec. 30.—Because the Prohibition law, enacted by the last session of the Georgia Legislature prohibits the manufacture or sale of intoxicating liquors "from and after January 1 next" the point has been raised that the law does not become effective until January 2. As all city licenses expire December 31 it is not believed advantage will be taken of the additional day.

The city authorities are prepared to act quickly should disorder occur. Several saloons have already closed up.

In consequence of the action of school superintendent G. P. Putnam, in eliminating "The Merchant of Venice" from the English course in the El Paso, Texas high school at the request of Rabbi Martin Zielonka of the Jewish congregation, the ministers union of that city yesterday, filed a vigorous protest against what they term "secretarian interference with the schools." The school board will meet next Monday to consider the superintendent's action.

The New Orleans stock exchange will not resume stock trading on January 2 as was decided by a unanimous vote on December 14. The day which has now been agreed upon for a general resumption of business is January 15.

THIS MINISTER HAS AFFINITY

Rev. Jere K. Cooke Who Eloped With Floretta Whaley Has Been Located.

BOY BABY HAS BEEN BORN

As Soon as Discovered in San Francisco They Disappeared Again But Cooke Talked to a Reporter, Then Fainted.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

San Francisco, Dec. 30.—In a pelting rain, and before day break the Rev. Jere Knode Cooke, formerly pastor of the fashionable St. George church at Hempsteady, L. I., and Floretta Whaley, the 17 year old heiress with whom he eloped eight months ago, deserting a wife to whom he had been married for nine years, stole away from the little flat which they had occupied at 1199 Green street, in this city, where they were discovered yesterday living under the name of Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Balcom, taking with them their baby boy, Balcom, born two months ago.

They left behind all they had saved during the eight months. Search for them had been made throughout the country.

The police say no effort is being made to locate or apprehend the couple. The discovery was made through the fact that Captain Cleary, of the Morse Patrol Agency who had met them and Mr. and Mrs. Balcom, when they arrived here last June from Los Angeles, recognized the girl's picture published last week, in connection with a dispatch from Louisiana stating that Cooke had deserted Floretta Whaley and had given her "away to a family there who was educating her."

Yesterday afternoon to a representative from a local newspaper Cook admitted his identity and asked the reporter to lower his tone so that the girl in the next room might not learn of the discovery of their identity.

"My God, what an awakening from our happiness", said Cooke. "All I want is a chance to get away. I don't mind Sing Sing or Hell, but it is she. The child was born two months ago, and discovery and apprehension would kill the mother."

Pacing back and forth, Cooke told the reporter the story of his life and of his elopement with Miss Whaley.

"The inexorable law must be maintained," he said. "I have preached it so often I ought to know. There is nothing that will paint a black sheep white. But I have my reasons. For ten years I have kept silent. For the last eight months I have borne without a murmur all the abuse, the vilest lies that newspapers could concoct."

Cook's father died when he was five years old. He was adopted by an uncle and learned the trade of a paperhanger and decorator. He worked his way through Yale and finally entered the ministry.

Since his disappearance he has been working at painting and any other work he could get.

Cooke told of his marriage and of his unhappiness after the time.

He declared that his wife admitted to him that she had married him for no other reason than that it would prove a convenient stepping stone for her social ambitions. He added that it would be "caddish to dilate on my marriage trouble. Then I awoke to love and everything else was worthless."

He continued: "You know the end. On one hand was a loveless life with honor and position and wealth, and on the other love and poverty. I chose this."

He pointed to the scantily furnished rooms. "I don't praise mystelf for the step I took. It was weakness; it was unmanly; but I am only human and as I am to be judged by human beings, it is but right that they shall know that I gave up all that I had fought for and won. Now all I ask is to be let alone.

"I am doing a man's work. I have sinned but I have suffered. Now I beg the world to let me alone with my wife and child. I can live the life of a good citizen. They say I am a good decorator, I was kept at work long after the other men were let go during the financial stringency. I ask the world to let me be a painter, nothing more, to do a man's work and enjoy the average society and happiness of the average man."

The only identification established so far of Gerald Balcom, as the Rev. Jere Knode Cooke, is his own admission. Cooke said he was afflicted with heart failure and several times he was on the verge of collapse during the interview. On the promise that "Mrs. Balcom" would not be apprised of the fact that their identity had been discovered Cooke accompanied the reporter to a newspaper to be sketched.

On the way down town Cooke fainted on the street car. Cooke's neighbors speak in the highest terms of the pair, and of Cooke's devotion to his supposed wife.

Mrs. S. M. Miles, who lives in an adjoining apartment said that she saw Cooke and his companion, or Mr. and Mrs. Balcom as she knew them leave there early this morning and go out in the storm. The man had a few pieces of baggage and the girl carried the baby closely wrapped. All efforts to find them today were in vain.

HE WILL BE ARRESTED

District Attorney Says He is Still After The Ex-Clergyman.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

Minola, L. I., Dec. 30.—District Attorney Coles said today that he has received no official information that Jere K. Cooke and Floretta Whaley have been found in San Francisco.

As soon as he did so Mr. Coles said he would request the San Francisco authorities to arrest Cooke on a warrant that was issued soon after his disappearance.

Cooke is charged with abduction, Mrs. Whaley, grand mother of Floretta Whaley said she hoped the girl had been found and that she would welcome the girl, if she would return to her home.

If necessary Mrs. Whaley said, she would send money for her grand daughter to return.

CALDWELL IS IN NEW YORK.

Has Been Arrested for Perjury But is Out on $5,000 Bail.

(By Wire to The Morning Star.)

New York, Dec. 30.—Robert C. Caldwell, whose testimony as a witness in the Druce case led to the re-opening of the grave of T. C. Druce today, is now at the home of his daughter at New Brighton, Staten Island. He is under $5,000 bond to answer to a charge of perjury, preferred by the British authorities in connection with the story he told in the London court. Caldwell was arrested when he arrived here from Europe Dec. 21.

Caldwell's story of the alleged dual personality of the Duke of Portland, was the real sensation of one of the most remarkable legal cases which ever engaged the attention of the British courts.

The re-opening of the Druce grave was undertaken as a final effort of the Government to prove their charge that Caldwell's testimony was "wilful and corrupt perjury." Caldwell's story was to the effect that the Duke of Portland and T. C. Druce, a London store-keeper, were one and the same. He had known the Duke of Portland under both names, he said, and at the request of the Duke had arranged a pretended death and mock funeral of Druce, so that the dual personality could be buried.

He swore that a coffin buried in Highgate Cemetery and which was supposed to hold the body of T. C. Druce, in reality contained only 200 pounds of lead. It was this coffin which was exhumed today.

Efforts to reach Caldwell at his home on Staten Island today were unavailing. His daughter declared that he was so ill that his physician would permit no one to see him. His daughter was informed that the grave of T. C. Druce had been found to contain the bones of a human being but she declined to ask her father anything about the case.

LEGISLATURE WILL MEET.

Governor Sparks Yesterday Issued a Call for Special Session.

(By Wire to The Morning Star.)

Carson City, Nev., Dec. 30.—In accordance with President Roosevelt's requirement that he call an extra session of the legislature to act on the Goldfield troubles in consideration of the troops remaining in the disturbed section temporarily, Governor Sparks this afternoon issued a call for the legislature to convene at Carson City on January 14, 1908.

In the call Governor Sparks sets forth that he had called the session at the instance of many citizens, the object being "to adjust by legislation, if possible, the controversy existing between the miners and mine owners at Goldfield, this State such legislation to be general in character and impartially applicable for the restoration and preservation of law and order."

A Real Wonderland.

South Dakota, with its rich silver mines, bonanza farms, wide ranges and strange natural formations, is a veritable wonderland. At Mound City, in the home of Mrs. E. D. Clapp, a wonderful case of healing has lately occurred. Her son seemed near death with lung and throat trouble. "Exhausting coughing spells occurred every five minutes," writes Mrs. Clapp, "when I began giving Dr. King's New Discovery, the great medicine, that saved his life and completely cured him. "Guaranteed for coughs and colds, throat and lung troubles, by R. R. Bellamy, druggist, 50c. and $1.00. Trial bottle 10c.

EASILY DECIDED.

This Question Should Be Answered Easily by Wilmington People.

Which is wiser—to have confidence in the opinions of your fellow-citizens, of people you know, or depend on statement made by utter strangers residing in far-away places? Read the following:

H. Cronenberg, photographer, of 119 1-2 Market street, Wilmington, N. C., says: "I used Doan's Ointment and it did its work promptly and permanently. I had a rash all over me, and no one knows how I suffered. It was like being in the infernal region and I could get no relief. I did not dare scratch because that made it worse. I tried everything but only to be disappointed. Some one told me about Doan's Ointment and I procured a box at R. R. Bellamy's drug store. I went home and applied some of the ointment and I can say that it brought the first relief I had had for a long time. I can only add that it is a preparation of great merit."

For sale by all dealers. Price 50 cents, Foster-Milburn Co., Buffalo, New York, sole agents for the United States.

Remember the name — Doan's — and take no other.

Hog Jowls and Peas, Nice, Turkeys, Dressed Chickens and Celery at the Palace Market
Phone 72
H. M. BREMER, Manager.
dec 31tf

What You Want

of course, is to secure a satisfactory yield from your land—the largest crop at the least cost of production.

What You Need

therefore, is a fertilizer that will insure to you the best results possible.

Armour's Fertilizers

have never yet failed to satisfy. In fact, so successful have been the users of our goods in raising big crops, that in many sections they say—

"Armour's Means Crop Insurance"

W. B. COOPER, Local Dealer, Wilmington.

Some Resolutions for the New Year

BE IT RESOLVED—
That I will be fair to myself and those dependent on me, and save a part of my income regularly.

BE IT RESOLVED—
That I will lay the foundation for my success by saving a part of my income regularly.

BE IT RESOLVED—
That I will be prepared for my opportunity when it presents itself, by having saved a part of my income regularly.

BE IT RESOLVED—
That the old reliable WILMINGTON SAVINGS AND TRUST COMPANY SHALL BE MY savings bank, for it pays 4 per cent. interest compounded quarterly, and is a bank that has stood the test of time, is strong, well managed and popular.

dec 31 tf

STATEMENT

Condition of THE MURCHISON NATIONAL BANK of Wilmington, N. C., at the close of business December 3rd, 1907.

RESOURCES.

Loans and Discounts	$1,767,886 59
N. C. State Bonds	55,000 00
U. S. Bonds (at par)	450,000 00
Bank Building	25,000 00
Cash	891,114 25
	$3,189,000,84

LIABILITIES.

Capital	$ 500,000 00
Surplus and Net Profits	227,211 61
Circulation	425,000 00
Deposits	1,936,789 23
U. S. Bond Account	100,000 00
	$3,189,000,84

DEPOSITS:

December 3rd, 1903, $1,457,386 48
December 3rd, 1905, $1,856,479 01
December 3rd, 1907, $1,936,789 23

dec 4 tf

Academy of Music
TONIGHT
Williams Comedy Co.
in
"AWAY UP EAST"
10 - 20 - 30 Cents.
Seats on sale at Plummer s.
dec 31 1t

We Wish For You

A Happy and Prosperous New Year

and make a bid for your business for the year 1908.

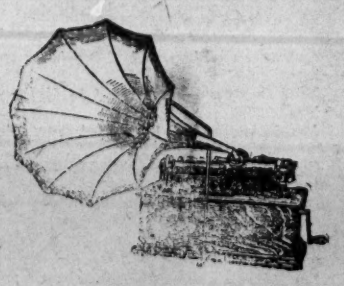
Respectfully,

J. W. Murchison & Co
HARDWARE.
dec 29 tf

Appreciation

We appreciate the liberal patronage and good payments from our friends in this section of the South during 1907. Stand by us during 1908, if you please.

W. B. Cooper,
Jobbing Grocer
Wilmington, N. C.
dec 22 tf



Edison Phonographs

This is an invitation to everyone who reads it to come to our store and hear the new Edison Phonograph, this Phonograph is bigger, better and has a finer finish than any of the other models, Edison Phonographs are sold on the easy payment plan if you prefer.

January Records now on sale.

J. W. ROBINSON & CO.
EXCLUSIVE DEALERS.
205 PRINCESS STREET.
dec 29 tf